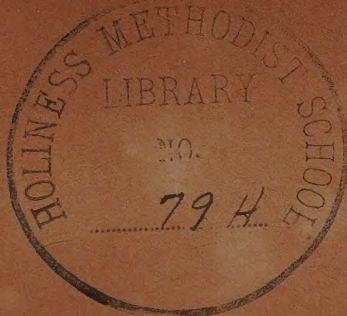


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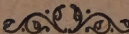
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I am debtor, both to Greeks and to Barbarians.

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God has seen fit to use the former editions of this little book and I desire to publicly express here my gratitude and ascribe all the glory and praise to Him alone.

I am encouraged to send forth another edition believing that the time is ripe as never before for these messages upon the theme closest to His great heart of love, and would ask those who read to pass them on to others, praying that God will continue to speak through these pages.

In His Love

E. A. K.

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CHAPTER I.

“GO ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations.....” MATT. 28 : 19 R.V.

To the disciples of Jesus there is no greater charge intrusted, no greater duty imposed, than that involved in the GREAT COMMISSION, “GO YE.” Every disciple should accept and feel this last command of Jesus in such a measure, as to bring about a more perfect obedience. Earthly commanders receive not only respectful submission, but quick, definite, implicit obedience to all their orders. Refusal to obey, brings severe punishment, and persistent refusal would mean death to the offender. Jesus has become our Great Commander. He sees the end of the battle from the beginning. He knows all the operations of that great strategist, the devil; and He alone can block the infernal plans, hatched in hell. Disobedience upon the part of sub-officers, has brought many an ignominious defeat to the armies of earth; and there are millions in hell to-day, because a listless, inactive and indifferent church has neglected to move forward promptly in obedience to the GREAT COMMISSION of her Great Commissioner. God’s people must redeem the lost time and buy up the lost opportunities, or

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else fall under the same condemnation as those whose carcases are bleaching upon the desert sands of past failure.

Individual responsibility cannot be shifted upon the shoulders of some unreliable leader, for the command "Go ye," was given to individual disciples, and every man must answer for himself. It is human to shirk responsibility, and to drift into a lethargy concerning the unevangelized millions; arguing with ones' self that others are better fitted, others are especially called etc., etc. But His "Go ye" was not addressed to others—"Ye" are the one He is speaking to to-day. Others have disobeyed, and the judgment day will reveal the awful consequences. What is important for us to understand is, that *this generation* of heathen will face *this generation* of disciples on that great day; and while we will not be responsible for those of any previous generations, who died without the knowledge of salvation, it is certain that face to face we shall be brought at the judgment, with those neglected ones of our own generation. We must be sure that our skirts are clear of their blood, beloved; and certain it is that there will have to be a great awakening in the church and a tremendous realization of the responsibilities, before the black wings of indifference will be raised from off a great multitude who call themselves followers of Jesus.

Each generation of disciples has a debt to pay to its generation of unsaved people of whatever nation or color; and while failure to accomplish its mission has marked each successive generation since the days of the early church, our individual responsibility has not lessened in the slightest degree, for the Great Commission has not been withdrawn or cancelled,

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but comes thundering down the corridors of time to this enlightened age and generation. Yes, it is human to shrink and shirk and shift, and to manufacture excuses, but this yoke is upon every child of God ; and our efforts to throw it off only increase the condemnation which will be upon all who fail to multiply the "talent" which God has given.

The word "therefore" in our text, refers back to the 18th verse where Jesus declares : "All authority is given unto me in heaven and on earth." His authority on earth will open every door ; and His authority in heaven will send down grace enough to drive back all the black darkness of heathenism, and flood with divine light the dark corners of the earth. There never has been any reasonable excuse for failure, in carrying out this last Great Commission of Jesus ; there is no excuse to-day, and there never will be any. The power and authority is in the church, if Jesus is there ; and it will not be withheld from any individual disciple, or body of disciples, so long as there are dying souls to save—praise God ! Failure proves the absence of Jesus. Do you know a congregation which is spending all her income upon herself, paying her preacher a big salary, buying new comforts to take her ease, building up a name in the earth, whose preacher never refers to the needs of the foreign field for fear it would cut down his salary ? Jesus is not in her midst, and when she faces her generation of unenlightened heathen it will be to suffer remorse and anguish and take her place with them in "outer darkness." She had light once, but failing to walk in it, must go forever into a worse darkness than that which her neglect has imposed upon the heathen nations. We need to look things

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squarely in the face these days, if we expect the approval of God upon our work.

There are conditions existing which every child of God must know, in order that their efforts may be crowned with success. God's plans for the calling out of a people from among the Gentiles, are all formulated, and our only duty is to get the plans, and "walk in them" (Eph. 2: 10.) The plans for one hundred years ago are not necessarily the plans for to-day; so without a knowledge of existing conditions we are not prepared to carry out God's purpose, which He has for the disciples of this generation. God expects His people to be alive to the external circumstances which govern any change in His plans from one generation to another; and ignorance of these things is not excusable. God commands us to "look on the field," and He does not command unreasonable and impossible things. Every disciple of this age is wonderfully privileged in being able to look upon every foreign field through the great mass of missionary literature, and needs not to be ignorant of those great facts and figures which so often greet our eyes concerning the heathen. The ripeness of various fields, the intense needs of others, the special calls of God and all the various details of His great work of saving souls, will not be withheld from the faithful one who lives much on his knees.

The religion of our Lord Jesus Christ should be such a reality in the life of every disciple, such an intense force, governing every thought and purpose of our discipleship, that there need be no oft repeated appeals to bring swift obedience to every command of our Great Commander, who is the Head of the church; and indeed if we be truly devoted, wholly

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consecrated, there will be that utter abandonment to the whole will of God ; and earnest seeking to know His purpose, which shall bring joy to all heaven.

Now if we will stop to remember what is involved in that last Great Commission ; if we study to know its vital importance, its intrinsic relations to the eternal purposes of God in time and eternity, no doubt our hearts would throb in unison with the great compassionate heart of our precious Jesus. We believe it would be helpful to consider some of the issues which await the completion of this Great Commission. First of all, we should remember that God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked, and that He wills that all should come to repentance ; that Jesus made an atonement for all men. Then let us remember our imposed duty to obey God's orders when He says " Go Ye—" it does not mean some other man, it means ME ! The heathen are dying in their sins, but previous generations will not be held accountable for this generation of neglected souls. It is incumbent upon us to live for our own age and generation and fulfill our duty to them, and to God.

Tremendous issues are at stake. Earthly kings and kingdoms rise and fall ; empires wield worldwide sway for a few short years, and are succeeded by other dominant powers ; time rolls on like the restless waves of the great ocean ; and yet the whole world's interests, in themselves, are not of such importance as the salvation of one immortal soul. Add together the mortal ages of every human being that ever lived on this earth from Adam to 1912, and the sum total does not equal the lapse of eternity which the perishing millions of a neglected heathendom will spend in the lake of fire. O how these awful truths

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should sink into the innermost recesses of every heart that loves Jesus! These are things that are ever before the mind of God; but how little we realize their depth of meaning. Stupendous issues which involve eternal interests for the unnumbered millions of humanity, should draw from us more than a passing thought beloved, more than a few weak prayers, more than a few tears, more than a weekly missionary meeting; it should mean a life purpose, a pushing aside of lesser things, and a settled determination to live for God's best things, as never before.

Let us now contemplate some of the important things which await the evangelization of the world, aside from that greater interest, the salvation of souls.



CHAPTER II

Vital Issues Involved.

“**A**ND this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a testimony unto all the nations ; and then shall the end come.” Matt. 24 : 14. “And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.”

Mark 13 : 26.

Our God is a God of method. He has no haphazard or chance courses of procedure. His laws are economically perfect, both in the natural and in the spiritual world. Also they are eternal and unchangeable. He has decreed that by the mouth of His people, the message of salvation is to go forth into all the earth. Therefore from the throne of the universe has gone forth that command “Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.” Thus is the Divine plan revealed for the evangelization of a lost world. For anyone to question that plan or to disobey it, is the height of folly, and acme of egotism. Upon such a one must surely come the punishment due from a just and holy God.

If in the realm of celestial bodies it were possible for the sun or moon or stars to disobey the fixed laws and plans of the Creator, how quickly would

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awful havoc result throughout the whole universe. If the sun refused to obey, how long could we exist? If the stars kept not His law and command, how soon would they be brought to wreck and ruin. Should the moon take a notion to join some other constellation how easily God's law and plan would be thwarted, and disaster ensue.

Is not the God of the universe our God? Is He not as firm and systematic in the spiritual world as in the natural? May we, with impunity, disobey His commands and expect to escape punishment? Can we hope to avoid disaster if we disregard His revealed plan for us? Ah no! beloved, no more than the sun which left its course, or the moon her sphere.

It is an awful fact that man has power to disobey God. He was so created, his will is free, in that sense. Moreover, he not only has the power to do so, but he uses that power, he does disobey, and works fearful disaster to his own soul and to that of others. He thwarts the purpose of God, which the sun, moon and stars cannot; he, in his pride, defies the God of Heaven by his disobedience, and brings wreck and ruin as a result.

But this is not only true of the sinner, for even the child of God still has power to thwart His Father's plan and purpose in the earth, by his indifference and disobedience. Not that it is in his heart to do so, but often through neglect and ignorance he hinders and even thwarts God's purpose for himself and others. This is especially true concerning the evangelization of the world. God's immutable commands are known to us concerning this work, His unchangeable plans are laid out before us in His Word, and yet thousands of professed

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followers of Jesus are indifferent to both His commands and His plans. They go on year after year neglecting to obey His commission which is just as fixed a law as that which holds the sun in his orbit. His "Go ye" to men is no less irrevocable and unalterable than is the law that holds the universe together, and the disaster that has already ensued from the neglect and disobedience has wrecked and ruined whole nations for centuries, so that hell to-day is enlarged to receive the damned souls of myriads of heathen who are lost because of the disobedience and neglect of a faithless, ignorant and disloyal church.

O, that there might be a Pentecostal awakening to the fact of the criminal neglect of heathendom which lies at the door of the church! If men truly realized what it means that the great majority of humanity are yet without a knowledge of the Gospel and on their way to eternal destruction, surely there would be a mighty awakening in the ranks of the homeland church. Nothing but Pentecost will do it. The real Pentecostal anointing makes men missionaries, and the reason there are not more who have a missionary spirit is because they are not acquainted with the Holy Ghost of Pentecost.

It is possible that there are other conditions besides the evangelization of the world, which must needs be focalized before the time is ripe for the *epiphany* of Jesus; and yet no one is scripturally authorized to place anything between the present time and the *parousia* of Jesus Christ—it is an ever imminent event, Hallelujah! Jesus may come to-day! Even so come Lord Jesus! What an incentive to quickly preach the Gospel to every creature, is this

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ever impending event! If the coming of Jesus is delayed, waiting upon the faithfulness of the church to carry the Gospel to every nation as is implied in the above and other Scriptures, then an awful responsibility rests upon each individual disciple. Who can estimate the importance of the GREAT COMMISSION! If we could get even a slight comprehension of the thought of God, how it would thrill us with a Divine zeal to be about the Father's business while it is yet day. Dr. Josiah Strong caught a glimpse of the Divine thought when he gave expression to these words:

“What are churches for, but to make missionaries? What is education for, but to train them? What is commerce for, but to carry them? What is money for, but to send them? What is life itself for, but to fulfill the purposes of foreign missions, enthroning Jesus Christ in the hearts of men?”

If we believe that it is preeminently God's work to save souls, (John 6: 28-29), and that there are still 1,000,000,000 precious souls whom God loves, unevangelized; then we must believe that God is bending all the efforts of the universe to bring about a fulfillment of that GREAT COMMISSION; that all the events which we call great in the world are merely a means to hasten that great epochal period—the evangelization of the world, and the coming of Jesus. If such a vital issue is dependent upon the faithfulness of the individual disciple, what relation does *your* personal influence and mine, bear to the plan of God, is a question which each of us should solve on our knees, if we would have a “good report,” when Jesus comes.

Efficient co-laborship with God, certainly implies that we must know the plans of the building. Wood

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must not be put in where the Master Builder wants gold, neither hay and stubble where He wants silver and stone. How are you building? So many seem to be building a little house of their own, without any regard to the plans of the Architect, that truly it seems there will be an awful conflagration in the day of judgment. God's purpose to have the Gospel preached to every creature, in order that the coming of Jesus may be hastened, and His glorious reign of righteousness set up on the earth, should ever be before the worker who would enter into the innermost thought of God. The plans for God's ancient people were definite, and known to all His people through Moses; and to-day, through Jesus Christ, we are not kept in ignorance concerning the Divine plan to bring all things into subjection to His only begotten Son; and to this end the command is "Go ye." That is preeminently THE GREAT COMMISSION! O that we might really see it as He gave it! What a stirring there would be to pack trunks, to buy steamship tickets; and to scatter the true disciples to the ends of of the earth with the precious Gospel! What consternation there would be at the banks, when the Christians came to draw their rusting millions, telling the cashiers that God had commanded them to "Go ye" and preach the Gospel to all nations! What a sending and a going there would be; the railroads would be taxed to carry all, and new ships would have to be built! Well what else are they for anyway? And why shouldn't they be filled with the commerce of the Lord? The devil has used them these six thousand years; and violence and abominations have increased in the earth ten thousand fold and more. They have been laden with rum and

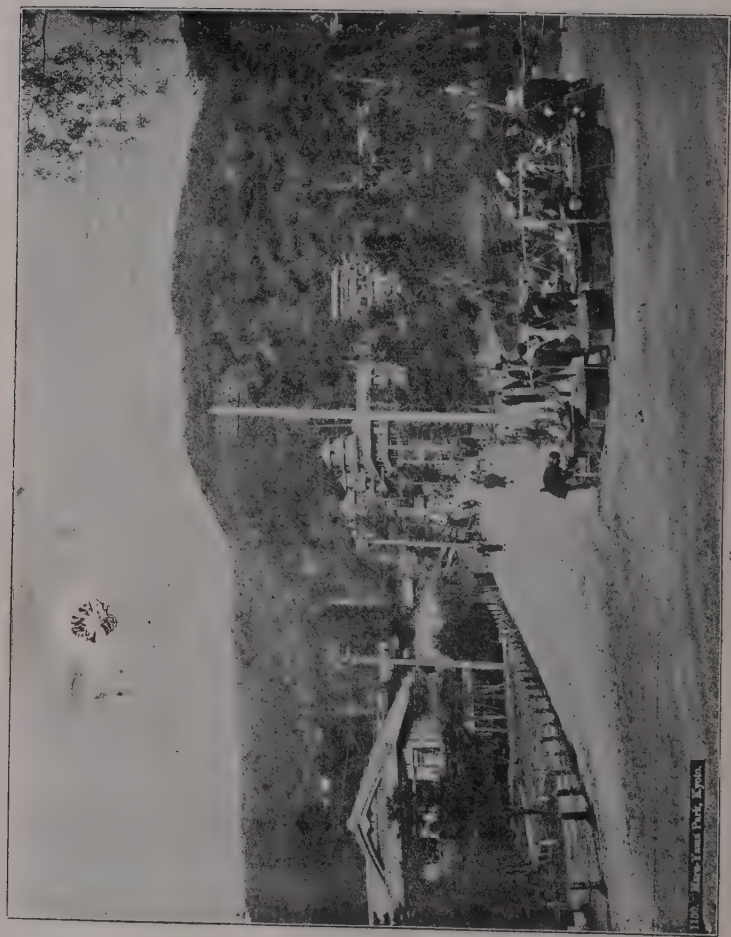
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opium for the heathen, when there should have been no room for anything but the missionary's baggage. Now you are perhaps saying this is the view of an extremist, but did not Jesus say "Go ye" to you?

There are vital issues innumerable, involved in the second coming of Christ, which await the evangelization of the world for their solution; issues which every child of God is intensely interested in. Kings and other rulers, statesmen and financiers, and railroad and bank presidents, have world-wide involvements of millions of dollars, entangling millions of people; employing the newspapers, the steamships, the railways, the telegraphs and all the multiplied inventions of the human mind to such an extent, that human life is sacrificed in whole regiments year by year, to gratify its burning lust and greed. And yet it is only for the "gold that perisheth," and it will all come to naught, and be swept away into the abyss, with the on-coming tread of the more vital issues of eternity. The world's interests are only for TIME, but the child of God is living for ETERNITY; "the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." How the great heart of Jesus must be grieved, as He views these things which hinder His coming for His beloved bride! How can we say with John "Even so come," if by our disobedience we are hindering that coming? How can we say "make haste, my beloved" (S.S. 8: 14, R.V.) when our actions show our indifference to the GREAT COMMISSION? Jesus longs for His bride, and looks forward to having her with Him, with a Divine yearning, but He is waiting for her to accomplish His GREAT COMMISSION in the earth. The fact that Jesus yearns for His bride, with an intense longing,



FUJI MOUNTAIN.



1129. Miyako Park, Kyoto.

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that He is looking down with a loving look of encouragement, that "He standeth behind our wall, He looketh in at the windows, He sheweth Himself through the lattice;" is by no means a small incentive to "occupy till He come." O how it should cause us to bestir ourselves in the accomplishment of that GREAT COMMISSION, which He gave to us just before He ascended from earth to heaven! We treasure the dying words of our beloved friends, and make sacrifices to carry out their dying requests; but the last words of Jesus should mean a thousand times more to His disciples, than the requests of any earthly friends. Has this been the case with you, beloved?

God's Word tells us that "the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now," waiting for the redemption of the sons of God. The whole creation was brought down to vanity by the sin of man, and awaits the coming of Jesus to be "delivered from the bondage of corruption into the liberty of the glory of the children of God." Let us stop to consider for a moment what this means, for it involves so much of vital importance to the whole realm of God's creation, that if we surround ourselves with a mantle of ignorance, we become partakers of the sin of neglect in not lending every effort to readjust to a natural condition this sin-cursed creation. God created everything good, but sin has brought an abnormal state, not only in the human, but also in the animal and vegetable world and all nature is fallen into the "bondage of corruption," and we find the animals wild, and the earth a "howling wilderness," because of the fall of man; and all are waiting for the fulfillment of the GREAT COMMISSION, and the coming of

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Christ, to be redeemed to their natural, Edenic condition.

Beloved are you doing your part? Do you feel any obligation upon you, as a disciple of Christ, to spend yourself for the fulfillment of the GREAT COMMISSION?

There is so much involved in this subject, so much of importance to be considered in its relations to the evangelization of the world and the coming of Christ, that we can barely touch upon the great theme which is of such vital interest to the whole human race and its eternal welfare. But one thing more should be mentioned, before we leave you to commune with your heart upon these things. Are you interested in hastening the day when the devil shall be chained? If not, of course you will not care much to help those who are; but if you are longing to take a hand in forging a few links in that chain, remember beloved he will not be chained until Jesus comes; and you ought to bend every effort in going, and giving, and sending, and praying for the perishing millions who have not yet heard the Gospel of the GREAT COMMISSION.



CHAPTER III.

The Soul's Awakening.

“**A**WAKE to righteousness and sin not ; for some have not the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame.” 1 Cor. 15 ; 34.

THE missionary connection with holiness is very clearly set forth in Acts 1 : 8, where we see that it is God's purpose to give us the Holy Ghost in order that we may be witnesses “unto the uttermost part of the earth.” If our witnessing has not reached there, our greatest privilege is still unpossessed ; our opportunity still unbought ; and our influence still unexerted to its best and fullest extent. In fact we are living miles below the expectation and purpose of God, who commands us to go to “every creature” of every “tribe and nation” with this “good tidings of great joy, which shall be to ALL people.”

The awakening to our duty, responsibility and privilege in the uttermost parts comes to the soul often as a very distinct experience and revelation. It may be late in our Christian life, that we are suddenly aroused by some message, or some Scripture verse to the fact that we personally and individually have a great duty to perform in taking up our part in the work of evangelizing the millions of heathendom. Generally, when we are truly sanctified, if this truth

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has not hitherto been ours, we are taught of God very quickly if we "follow on to know," and the flood of knowledge of our glorious privilege breaks in upon our souls with great blessing and refreshing, and we "awake to righteousness and sin not" for we now realize that "some have not the knowledge of God" and that it is a part of our burden and responsibility. Praise God for this blessed awakening! O how much it means in the "regions beyond" when even one Holy Ghost-filled soul is aroused to a knowledge and an acknowledgement of his duty, by the voice of God!

Sad to say, some who have been aroused, lapse, and fall back into indifference and grieve the Holy Ghost through their disobedience. God's voice is hushed and crushed when He would remind them to "lift up your eyes," and their indifference becomes wilful disobedience, which brings condemnation. Not only are their own souls effected, but they become a stumbling-block to others who through their influence would have been awakened, to say nothing of the hundreds of lost heathen souls who would have been saved through their obedient service in their behalf.

Ah beloved, God's missionary cause is not just one of the playthings of His church, not a side issue that may be shelved at any desire of men; no, it must not be crowded out of your interest at any convenient or inconvenient season to make room for other matters, for it is to the church THE LIVING ISSUE of this age and generation, and until it is so regarded, there is an unheeded command and commission that must rise against us in the day of Christ.

The constant soul, who devotes his life purpose to

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obedience in spite of all the powers of darkness and the thousands of hindering causes, is the one that pleases the heart of God, brings refreshing to others, causes "rivers of living waters" to flow out into the regions beyond, and lays up treasure in Heaven. His reward shall be great! God takes weak folks and makes them strong, He takes unstable ones and makes them constant, He takes spasmodic folks and gives them a rooting and grounding in His purposes so that they become firm, fixed, unchangeable, continuous, unceasing, steadfast and constant in their efforts to get this Gospel to "every creature," and evangelize the vast heathen lands, that the coming of Jesus may be hastened.

We can only be made thus by the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire which exterminates all indifference to God's purposes, and plants in us a constraining love to obey God even unto death. He gives the Holy Ghost only to those who obey Him, and if we continue to obey and walk in the light the Holy Ghost abides, the blood cleanses, and we will reach the "uttermost part of the earth" by our witnessing, with "rivers of living waters" — Hallelujah!

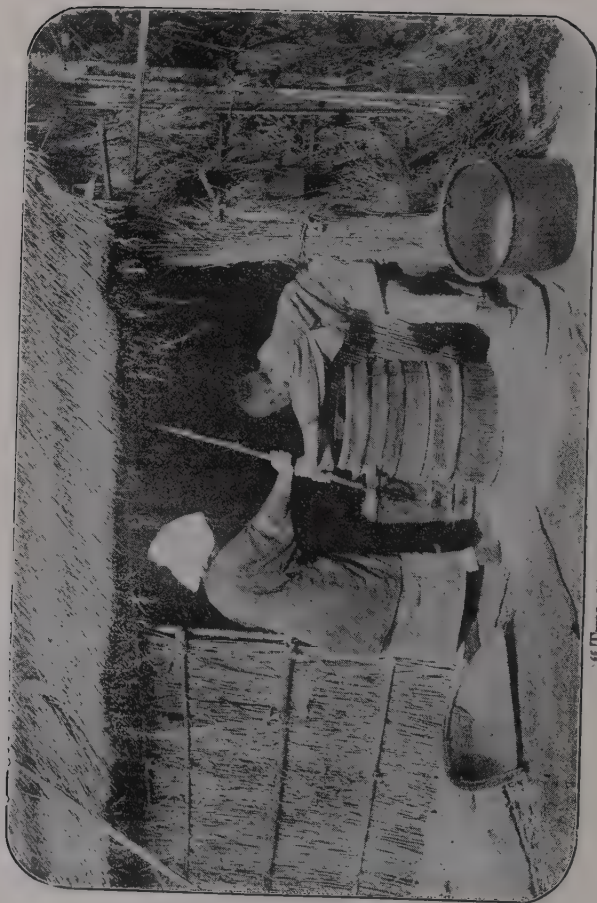
Many an honest, devoted soul is asleep in regard to his or her duties to, and privileges among, the unevangelized millions. Many who have forsaken all to follow Jesus, are quite in the dark on this important subject, who if they realized the full intent of the GREAT COMMISSION, would immediately repent of their neglect, and hasten to obey God's call. Perhaps all of us can look back into the early years of our Christian life and remember a time when the "Macedonian" cries of the perishing heathen

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did not reach our ear and heart. The awful needs all about us in the homeland weighed upon us: our unsaved friends and relatives occupied our prayers and service; and the burdens of our "Jerusalem" had shut our eyes to the needs of the "uttermost parts." To such God addresses the above text, "Awake.....for some have not the knowledge of God." Far be it from us to censure those dear saints whose efforts are all bent to push the battle "in Jerusalem and in all Judaea, and in Samaria," for truly that is as much a part of the GREAT COMMISSION as "unto the uttermost part of the earth." Praise God! His love extends from Greenland to Tasmania and from east to west, embracing the untold millions of dark Asia, Africa and South America, and He has not forgotten one of his creatures, for does He not say that not even a sparrow falleth to the ground without His notice? Of how much more value are the immortal souls of these one billion of unevangelized heathen! And so beloved, if you have scarcely gone outside of Jerusalem or Judaea, with your blessed service, God's message to you is timely: "Awake....." He will not chide; but give you wisdom from above, and a Divine eye-salve to see away into the great white harvest fields of the regions beyond. One such precious soul (now in glory) who was awakened, has written such a touching account of that arousing from her lethargy, that we believe it would be as helpful to others as it has been to us. She says: "Soon after moving to K—, the Holy Spirit began dealing with me with regard to the subject of foreign missions. My attention had been called only to perishing souls in my own city and



A FAMILIAR PARK SCENE IN JAPAN.



"TWO SHALL BE GRINDING AT A MILL."

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land, during all the years of my Christian life ; and as I now look back over those busy years, I can recall hearing but one missionary sermon preached in the church of which I was a member ! I recollect, however, attending a very precious convention held by the W. F. M. S., and was much impressed by the spirit of consecration manifested by the godly women present ; and I have no doubt if any person filled with the Spirit had approached me at that time on the subject of the appalling condition of the heathen, and had pressed home upon me, with any degree of solemnity, a sense of my responsibility to those perishing millions, my heart would have melted, and my conscience (which from the very hour of conversion, had become exceedingly tender) would have at once awakened to see my duty as well as privilege in regard to them. How much broader, fuller and more Christlike my life would have been ! And how many sheaves from all earth's darkened lands, I might have gathered to lay at Jesus' feet when He comes ! But alas ! No such messenger ever came to me, and in my anxiety for souls around me I was too much occupied with my own sphere of labor to give even a passing thought to, or prayer for, the great throbbing heart of the heathen world 'lying in the wicked one' in midnight darkness, ignorance and woe. If anyone in those days had asked me to expound John 3 : 16, I fear that in my heart, if not in so many words, I should have said : ' God so loved the United States of America etc.,' for that was about as broad a view as I then took of the ' world,' for which He gave His only begotten Son. Never for one moment did I realize that I, personally, would be

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held responsible up to my ability, for the evangelization of the world. I do not attempt to excuse myself, for I knew God and closely studied His Word, and I could have informed myself if I had chosen, as to the condition of the heathen nations of the earth; but Oh! what account will some of our ministers of the Gospel render when the Master comes? Why are not their souls on fire for the evangelization of the whole wide world for which Jesus shed His blood?.....Alas! how much the loving, yearning heart of Jesus bleeds as He looks down upon a selfish, ease-loving church, occupied with fairs, festivals, and merry-making, unmindful of the vast army tramping down to the grave in heathen darkness! I praise Him for leading me at last among a people where John 3: 16 was preached and believed, and where the needs of the dark unevangelized nations of the earth were continually talked of, prayed over and labored for. Under such preaching my eyes were finally directed beyond the narrow boundary of the city or even country in which I lived, and in the midst of such self-denial and generous giving as I had never seen nor heard of before, my heart soon awakened and I began to look around me and say; "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?" "

Blessed awakening! O that many more such honest hearts, all over the homelands, would awaken to their duties and privileges, crying out "Here am I send me," or "Lord what wilt thou have ME to do!" We do believe that God will use this message, of a dear departed one, to awaken others who are perhaps, like her, unconscious of the great heart-cry of heathendom. Let us rise above duty, and see the

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unspeakable privileges that await every faithful soldier of the Cross in the untouched fields across the sea. How wonderfully precious these privileges become to us when we have the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, and we revel in them, our hearts aglow with the joy which comes as a reward for the sacrifices we make in giving, praying, or going. And when our thoughts become more and more merged into God's thought, and our lives are poured out for the salvation of the heathen, we begin to know something of the fellowship of Christ's sufferings, and rejoice that we are counted worthy to suffer with Him. There is nothing sweeter in all the world than fellowship with Christ in His sufferings, because along with it He gives us glimpses of fellowship with Him in His glory, and visions of the joys of an eternal companionship, and inseparable fellowship and communion. Beloved, have you tasted the *afterglow* of suffering with Christ? If not, remember that there are a billion heathen unevangelized, and opportunity for you to sacrifice in giving, suffer in being burdened in prayer, and know a closer communion with your Heavenly Bridegroom. Hallelujah!

The evangelization of the world is of more importance to the worker in the vineyard than is the salvation of souls; for, while we attend to the one, God takes care of the other. The laborer sows and reaps. Indeed, this should mean more to him than meat and drink; but he can not reap until God has given the increase; and so it comes to pass, that, while we sow, we may also reap "that whereon we have not labored;" and the result of others' sowing becomes our fruit. Thank God, "he

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that soweth and he that reapeth rejoice together ! ”

The WORLD is the field, beloved ; and as God looks down upon the millions for whom Jesus shed his precious blood, He loves them, and “ would that all might come to repentance : ” but “ how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher ? ” And so it is the desire of God’s heart that “ all the world ” should receive the Gospel. Do you not think, beloved, that we ought to send them a preacher, who have not yet heard, but are going down to the grave a hundred thousand a day without hope ?

If there is anything more important for the Church of God to do to-day than to evangelize the heathen nations, let us find out quickly, what it is that the coming of Jesus may be hastened ; but if, in truth, the missionary cause is the nearest to God’s heart, and the most important thing for you and I then, why is it that we spend ninety-six cents at home and four cents abroad—ninety-six cents to build more churches, buy more carpets and cushions, to pay preachers who in many cases have lost their “ bark,” (Isa. 56 : 10) and only four cents to evangelize a billion heathen whom God loves, and has told you and I to go and preach to ? Beloved, if we could, for about five minutes, look down upon this wicked world from the throne of God, and see it as He sees it, either one of two things would happen : we would either backslide, or else reverse that order, and proportion our giving with a little more wisdom.

This disproportionate giving has been going on ever since the early Church began to compromise with the world ; and it would take a thousand years’ reversal

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to bring it to anywhere near a proper adjustment. You say this is an extreme view to take, but, beloved, do you know any better way of hastening the coming of Jesus? Do you believe God would be displeased if you would proportion your giving according to the need?

Pardon a bit of personal experience right here. When I began to give a tithe to God's cause, I belonged to a certain church, and, under the faithful preaching of our pastor (who, by the way, was forced out of the district because he dared to preach the whole truth and get people saved, sanctified and healed), I was led to cut my contribution to the home church in two, that I might be enabled to increase the missionary offerings; and about this time God began to tell me to look into the finances of the missionary work of our board and acquaint myself with their business methods, so that I might the more intelligently proportion my giving. This I did, and was thoroughly alarmed to find how little of all the great wealth of the church got to the foreign field. My tithe was only a small sum, and would not mean much to the church; but it meant much to me, for I realized that, as a steward, God would hold me responsible for an intelligent use of it. So I began to pray for wisdom, and was led to the blessed privilege of helping support an independent holiness evangelist in Japan, whose ministry God has blessed with thousands of precious souls. I speak of this, beloved, simply because there may be some-one who, like myself, feels much dissatisfaction in giving to a cause where there is little wheat coming out of the machine. I believe God wants us to use sanctified common sense in our giving, and then He will open the way

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for us to be richly blessed by the treasure laid up in Heaven. Words would fail me to tell what a blessing it has been to my own soul to see precious souls saved and sanctified for almost every dollar sent out.

"Lift up your eyes, and look," and ask God to clarify your vision heathenward, and give you a bird's eye view of the field, and you will see the "already white" field is whitest where it is darkest, and that the need is greatest where the thick darkness is blackest, and where the devils are swarming in hellish glee. Beloved, do not say that there are yet "four months unto harvest," but cast in the sickle, and reap while it is day; for the "night cometh, when no man can work."

They tell of a land far over the sea,
I want to go there don't you?
Where never a word of the gospel has reached,
I want to go there I do;
Where millions go down without Christ to the
grave,
I want to go there I do;
And death reigns supreme, and demons rejoice,
I want to go there, don't you?

They tell of oppression and cruelty there,
I want to go there, don't you?
Which sin, with its miseries, brings unto all,
I want to go there, I do.
The poison of asps is under their lips,
I want to go there, I do.
The way of God's peace they never have known,
I want to go there, don't you?

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They tell of thick darkness which presses the soul,
I want to go there, don't you?
Of mouths which are full of cursing and gall,
I want to go there, I do?
Where tongues know deceit, and none doeth good,
I want to go there, I do;
Their eyes know no fear of the God of all grace,
I want to go there, don't you?

I want to go there and tell of the Christ.
I want to go there, don't you?
Who died upon Calvary for all the lost,
I want to go there, I do.
My Saviour who loves them has bidden me go,
I want to go there, I do;
His "Go Ye" means me, and I said "Here
am I;"
I want to go there don't you?



CHAPTER IV.

Look !

“**L**IFT up your eyes and look—” John 4 : 35. As it is the purpose, by God’s grace, to stir up your pure minds concerning the already white fields, so neglected by an indifferent church, we believe one way to “look ” is through the missionary’s eyes ; and if we can catch glimpses of the existing conditions, it will be a means in the hands of the Holy Ghost to stir up and awaken us to God’s plans and purposes for each one. May God help us to see things as He sees them !

“White already unto harvest” is the record of God’s Holy Bible ; and if white and ready to harvest over 1800 years ago, how much more so to-day !—who can estimate ? The teeming millions of Africa and Asia have multiplied many times since Jesus told his disciples to “look ” ; and to-day we stand simply appalled when we stop to consider the nearly one thousand million who have never heard the “good news ” of salvation accomplished for them by Jesus upon Calvary’s cross. The thought of such a state of affairs in this age and generation, should make the heart-strings of every child of God to vibrate with such a tremendous, impelling force, that something would transpire in every life to alleviate

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these conditions, and lift the reproach which the church has so justly brought upon herself by her criminal neglect. If a section of heathendom, as it really is, could be planted where the Church could get one good look, the whole question involved in the GREAT COMMISSION would be quickly settled, then the heavens would rend and the Son of God come down to catch up His bride who "hath made herself ready."

When Jesus commanded His disciples to "lift up your eyes and look" He did not give an unreasonable command; and He knew how easy it would be for them to grow indifferent to the needs outside of "Jerusalem," in the regions beyond; and so to-day He knows the lack of interest in many, and is saying to all "Lift up your eyes and look." Those who obey will see things which will bring them to their closets, with strong crying to God for help to get this Gospel to the perishing multitudes.

Those who live in the great cities of the homeland, and watch the surging multitudes of the busy streets, can gain some realization of the thronging millions of the great heathen cities, as they continue their restless march after the things of this world, bent on gaining wealth, fame, education, or pursuing the grosser forms of lust. Although we have lived most of our life in a great city, and crowded streets have ever been a familiar scene, yet we have never been so impressed with crowds as we have since coming to this land. Somehow the sad, melancholy faces, and the wrinkles and blemishes of sin seen in the crowded thoroughfares of heathendom, bring such a burden to our souls that we are more impressed with their need than we were in the homeland. As we watch the crowds of our homeland cities, we remember that

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almost every one has a Bible in his home, or at least they know about such a Book, and have money and opportunity to buy one ; and that no one of them lives very far from a church, and that the Gospel is being preached in their streets continually, so that they have no excuse. But here, as we watch the bent forms, the wrinkled faces, the blank looks, the troubled and melancholy countenances, we remember that only a very few of them know anything about Jesus or the Bible ; and of those who do know something, many have an idea that He is just another of those foreign gods like the thousands of their own, so that they give Him only a passing thought ; and the Bible to them is only another book like the many they have concerning their heathen religions. We remember that the weight of a hundred generations of heathen superstitions have so influenced their minds, their ideas, their customs and their whole manner of life, that it takes months and years to break them down, and build up a Christian home. Indeed it is a miracle of grace that such a thing is at all possible. Of course they often get saved at the first hearing of the Gospel, but you and I have no comprehension of the darkness that is still in that mind, even after the heart is changed, and how long a process it is to "root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant." Can you wonder that many backslide during the process ? Can you wonder that the lives of many of them are up and down, up and down ; sinning and repenting, sinning and repenting ? We need great patience and perseverance as we follow these unstable souls with prayer through their backslidings and up and down experiences. Have you the graces of

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Patience and perseverance? If not, stay away from the foreign field until God endows you with them. We are always encouraged as we remember one of Hadley's experiences in the Bowery Mission, how he followed a drunkard for years through many awful backslidings, never giving him up, but holding on to him until finally after some years he was established in the faith. This is a necessary qualification needed to make a good, effective missionary. "Let patience have her perfect work."

But the crowds! Again we look, and mark the great number of young men students, and we remember that perhaps 99 out of every hundred were brought up in heathen homes, and that since they have come to Tokyo to the great universities, colleges and language schools, so numerous here in this educational centre of 60,000,000 people, they have begun to hear of western science and philosophies. Gradually the idol worship taught them from babyhood is crumbled by the sledgehammer blows of civilizing influences, and we see very few of the student class worshipping at the thousands of heathen shrines of Tokyo, except it be some who have just come from some earnest Buddhist home in the country. Then we begin to wonder what has taken the place of that idolatrous religion in their hearts and minds. A visit to the book-stores soon reveals the awful fact that hell has flooded this city and empire with its venom of infidel literature to such an extent that the coming generation bids fair to outrival France in her bloody days of Voltairism. As awful as idolatry is, depressing as the superstitions of heathenism are, this new evil, this awful condition so threatening in this land to-day, seems a thousand

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times worse ! O my God, undertake for Japan to-day ! How we long for more places to gather in these thousands of corrupted young men and women, where we can preach Christ and Him crucified to them before they are so poisoned by the hundreds of so-called scientific books of Darwin, Huxley, Spencer and others which are being put into their hands to-day ! There is a free-thought publishing house of infidel literature in England which seems bent on damning young Japan ; and its influence is like the opium which England poured into China, in its widespread effects.

O that the people of God might awaken to their responsibility concerning this nation, which may be the key to the whole Asian situation !

In Japan the missionary has "looked" and seen many strange things ; and every one who will, may, with his spiritual vision, see more than is written in books, on his knees in communion with God. As signals to direct or govern the "look" there are the great mountainpeak truths with which nearly all are familiar ; and it is not our purpose to repeat those statistics which have become so familiar to many, that they are now read without a tear or a sigh. But between those great eminences let us look into the valleys, and see something of what Satan has done to wreck human souls in Japan.

OLD LEGENDS.—The traditions of the ancients, and the glamor, filmy haziness which covers all the history of the forefathers, has been a very effective weapon of the devil in this land. Nearly every temple, every shrine and idol has its deceptive legend dating back many years, and sometimes centuries, ago. They are enshrouded in a kind of

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halo of diabolical tradition, handed down from generation to generation, and instilled into the minds of the children so thoroughly, that truly only the power of God can break through and burn up this fascinating and almost irresistible influence, which must be called witchcraft, if we rightly name it. Some of these seductive traditions are based upon voluptuous acts, conceived by filthy minds; and images to commemorate the events are to-day worshipped as gods.

TEMPLES AND IDOLS.—There are shrines erected to the “mother of demons,” and idols dedicated to the “king of Hell” to “goddesses,” to “goblins” and to ancestors galore. It is almost literally true, that upon every hill and under every green tree, one finds the abominations of idol worship, both in private grounds, and in public places. Like the saloons of Chicago, the temples occupy the best corners and most prominent locations in the cities. Images of foxes, monkeys, dogs and fierce beasts; carvings of dragons, snakes, bats and demon faces, are a part of the make-up of the temple yard. Their legends tell of idols taken from the sea, found floating, so luminous that they lighted the sea for miles around; idols which fell from heaven, and others which were made by people who died, visited hell, and returned to earth. One such story is told of a celebrated idol, made in the image of Emma, King of Hell, by a sculptor named Unkei, who died and appeared before Emma who said to him: “Living, thou madest no image of me. Go back to earth and make one, now that thou hast looked upon me.” Unkei found himself restored to the world, and from his memory of the King of Hell, carved this image, which is

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now worshipped by thousands yearly, who know not Jesus. Another celebrated image, which is considered a masterpiece in art, is a small one of Oni, the infernal tormentor. With brazen eyes, in a menacing attitude brandishing a club, it is indeed a terror to those who regard its supposed influence. Japan boasts of her eight hundred million gods, and especially is she proud of Daibutsu, or Great Buddha, a bronze image 49 feet 7 inches in height located at Kamakura, near Yokohama. Tokyo also has a large image of Buddha in her principal park; and her temples are much more numerous than churches are in the cities of America. Truly there seem to be thousands of them, great and small.

SHRINES.—A shrine may consist of a tomb, a box containing some relic, a diminutive model of a temple, an altar, or any place or object made sacred by its associations, or traditions. These are scattered everywhere, and being quite inexpensive they are found more especially in private grounds and in the rice fields. They are dedicated to many gods, such as the fire god, storm god, harvest god etc., and are supposed to shield from disaster by fire and storm, and to bring plentiful crops. When convenient, an elevated location is chosen for these places of worship.

RELIGIOUS PILGRIMS.—There are many wanderers, who travel from shrine to shrine, and from temple to temple, to pay their devotions and seek peace at various places recommended for their especial virtues. Old men, gray and bent with years of seeking are to be seen, sometimes on the trains, but more frequently on foot, who only turn away from one shrine or idol to visit another, and lead lives of vagrancy, unsatisfied in soul, and a burden to others.

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One would think that these religious tramps would be easily reached by the Gospel of Jesus which brings peace to troubled hearts ; but, unfortunately, they are mostly so permeated with the traditions of their forefathers, that nothing else seems to touch their hearts. Praise God ! there is nothing too hard for our Saviour, and He is able to reach even this class also.

FOX POSSESSION AND WORSHIP.—This subject has been so extensively published, that we need only refer to it here to remind our readers that it is another object for prayer. The sacredness of the fox, and fox dens, is widespread, and like all others of the legendary hindrances to the Gospel, can only be met by much prayer and fasting.

SPECIAL FEAST DAYS.—There are many festival and feast days connected with heathen religions, when the temples are especially crowded with worshippers. New Year's day is a time when the favor of the gods is particularly sought, for the coming year ; a time of new resolutions, and of general cleaning up. Much money flows into the temple coffers on that day ; and it is indeed pitying to see the great multitudes going up to worship day and night, in an unceasing stream : earnest souls, many of them, who are doing the best they know ; and who perhaps will not come under so great punishment as those who have with-held the Gospel from them.

DEMON CHASERS.—During the New Year season, many men find employment in going about from house to house to drive away the evil spirits, with great "devil heads" for masks. They will enter the shops and houses with the monstrous mask

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over their faces, and using some mummmery, poke their vain mask-faces into every part of the room to cleanse the house from the evil spirits for the new year. But the demons are not alarmed at these mountebank methods, and refuse to be enchanted away; only the name of Jesus will apprehend them.

HOUSEHOLD GODS.—Almost every household in Japan has its shelf above the door, with its idols, lighted tapers and other paraphernal trappings and ornaments. This forcibly reminds us that these people are much more earnest in their religious duties than the nominal Christian, and put to shame the criminal indifference of many who are intrusted with a dispensation of the Gospel. Sometimes there are cottage "prayer-meetings" in the homes, at special anniversaries of departed ones. Could you hear the chanting tones of these ancestral worshippers, it would send a shiver through your soul, and a compassionate resolve to do your best for their salvation.

MEDICINE GOD.—Many temples have their medicine god, which is supposed to have healing virtues. Here the sick ones may be seen any day, rubbing the idol and then themselves or their sick children who are carried on their backs. If it is toothache, they rub the idol's cheek, if sore eyes they will rub its eyes, until in some cases they have rubbed off all the features of the idol. These earnest, expectant souls, Jesus saw with a pitying eye and a Divine compassion; and no one who has seen such sights will ever again doubt that healing is indeed a necessary part of the atonement, (Mat. 8: 17).

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O, why don't you hurry, my brother,
To rescue lost souls from the pit?
O, why walk so slow, when they're dying,
And why in indifference sit?

Dense darkness still covers the millions,
And multitudes bow down to stone;
An "horrible pit," fallen into,
These souls for whom Christ did atone.

Are you reaching down to the rescue,
The cry of lost souls touched your heart?
My brother, "O why don't you hurry,"
And quickly accomplish your part?

"Go and work in my name," Jesus says,
To many a weak, trembling soul;
"Be strong" and take courage, go forward,
Sufficient His grace to make whole.

His charge has been sadly neglected,
And "Zion" is taking her ease;
Unheard is the sound of the Gospel,
Sin reigns, and brings death and disease.

Are you a partaker, my brother,
Of the crime that's laid at her door?
"Go Ye work to-day in my vineyard,"
"Preach Christ," and His sweet Name adore.

CHAPTER V.

Look!

(Continued.)

“**L**OOK on the fields”—John 4: 35. “Is anything too hard for the Lord?” Gen. 18: 14. “Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loves us.” Rom. 8: 37.

“The battle is the Lord’s”—1 Sam. 17: 47.

No one going to war, wisely, will depreciate the enemy’s forces; but having measured his strength, searched out his weak spots, located the great engines of war, and strong or weak bulwarks, and mapped out his country, he is somewhat prepared to go against the enemy. We are in a real battle, beloved; and our enemy is particularly strong in the heathen world. The difficulties are very real ones indeed, but praise God! we may ride over them all and shout the victory in the very teeth of hell itself; for difficulties do not stop the true missionary. Nevertheless, those obstacles which present a hindrance to the Gospel propagation, must be wisely considered and reckoned with.

God’s army, which He is wielding against the powers of heathen darkness, is not all in the foreign field: the largest part of it is in the home-

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land; hence the necessity of God's command to "look upon the field." Truly it is the field of the enemy; he has captured it and now holds it, and you should consider his strength, his strategic points, his ways and means, and all the infernal equipment which is in use against the holy Lamb of God and His Gospel of salvation.

Some of these difficulties need special attention, and therefore should be studied in the Holy Ghost, and dealt with according to God's leading, both providentially and through His Word. Divine wisdom and a sanctified heart is surely an absolute necessity for every soldier, both at home and abroad. A war between England and Zululand must of necessity have a widely different plan of campaign than a war between England and Germany. While the results aimed at may be the same in both cases, entirely diverse methods are used to bring about that end. And so it is true of the spiritual warfare, that methods must change, to some extent, according to the enemy's characteristic intrenchments. But thank God "the battle is the Lord's," the equipment is the Lord's, and all we need is obedience to the Great Commander, and the walls of Jericho will fall—Hallelujah!

The fact that in most heathen lands the population is scattered in almost countless villages, mostly all of them far removed from the railways, presents no small difficulty to the work, especially when there are various languages or dialects to battle with. These villagers, mostly poor people, seldom leave their own districts, and to be reached by the Gospel must be visited in their own abode. This necessitates, in the first place, very many workers; and in the second,

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much means to travel. If it were not for the feeble and faltering interest of the home people, these poor lost souls in the small towns and villages could be reached in this generation. It would of course be only a pioneering work, a scattering of tracts and gospels and street preaching; but this is a good preparatory first work, before a more permanent mission is established. There are about fifty millions of people in Japan proper, and outside of the large towns, there are only a few scattered missionaries; although about 35,000,000 of these 50,000,000 are villagers. There are about 500 missionaries in eight of the largest cities, and the remaining three hundred* somewhat scattered, but nearly all are located in 100 large railway towns. So the villages are still unevangelized to a great extent, and will be for another generation or more, unless gigantic efforts are put forth by those upon whom God has laid this work.† It will depend very much upon the home church whether this generation is to go to the grave unevangelized, or not; and it will depend on God's holy people as to *how* they are evangelized. If dead churches and higher critics are left to do the work, the heathen will only emerge from one black darkness to fall into another; for if the light which is in them be darkness, how great will that darkness be!

More Holy Ghost-filled men, and more Holy Ghost consecrated money is needed quickly; and praise God, He has those whom He can draw upon at short notice!

Beloved, be faithful to your own age and generation in the dark corners of the earth; and teach your children the same truths, and the question of

* These 800 Protestant missionaries are exclusive of wives.

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evangelizing the world will soon be settled—Hallelujah! Heroic devotion of godly men and women, with heaven-born wisdom and patience, to stand behind those whom God thrusts forth, is needed. Are you one of those heroes?

Forty years ago, it is said, there were only eight Christians in Japan. Compared with India, Hawaii, China and some parts of Africa, the opening of this land to the Gospel message is of quite recent date; although there seems to be an impression abroad, in some parts of the homeland, that Japan is quite well evangelized. This is far from true beloved, for there is only an average of one missionary to every sixty-two thousand people; and these are so unequally scattered as to leave much wholly virgin soil as yet untouched. Japan is rapidly merging from its heathen civilization, and needs quick work. The time is ripe as never before to give her the Gospel, for multitudes are turning away with disgust from idolatry and drifting into infidelity—who can blame them? There is a dire lack of Holy Ghost-filled workers to meet the needs of this land. Beloved will you not look upon this field with a pitying, sympathetic look, and think how Jesus felt when he saw the multitudes “scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd?” Some one has said “We must *know* in order to *feel*, we must *see* before we can *weep*, and we must *look* before we will *go*.” Millions in Japan are wavering, in a suspenseful frame of heart and mind, awaiting YOUR action.

There are no political difficulties, generally speaking, to hinder the Gospel propagation in Japan. Every part of the land is open and accessible—thanks

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to God, the United States Government, and the early missionaries. Nevertheless there are social difficulties which if not governmental, are at least national in their extent. The regarding of their Emperor as the representative of Heaven, and worthy of worship, puts Christianity in the place of a disloyal encroachment upon their national existence. However this idea is crumbling, and civilizing influences only, are needed to cause its speedy decay. Christian influences added to these will destroy it more quickly and plant in its place the claims of our precious Jesus, who is King of kings and Lord of Lords.

The cry re-echoes cross the sea,
From hungry, sighing hearts :
Come, bring the light of Gospel truth,
To these neglected parts.

Chorus—

O bring the light ! O bring the light !
The blessed Gospel light !
O, hurry, brother, while 'tis day,
For soon shall come the night !

We're going down to death each day,
A hundred thousand strong ;
Come, bring the light of Gospel truth,
And stem this awful throng.

In China there are millions still
Who never heard of Him ;
Come, bring the light of Gospel truth,
Ere your own light grows dim.

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From Africa, and India too
A plaintive wail goes up ;
Come, bring the light of Gospel truth,
Come, lift your Saviour up.

The Japanese have hungry hearts
Salvation's cup to taste ;
Come, bring the light of Gospel truth,
There is no time to waste.

The islands sob a restless cry
For missionaries too ;
Come, bring the light of Gospel truth,
You've sent so very few.

O brother, sister, hear the cry,
Let God your ear attune ;
And send the light of Gospel soon !
O send the Gospel soon !

Among other difficulties, might be mentioned the presence of ungodly sailors, soldiers, tradesmen, travellers, and others, from so-called Christian lands. They out-number the missionaries, and their wicked, dissolute lives have a ruinous effect. This might not be regarded as a hindrance in America, but here, it is a stumbling-block because all those who come from a Christian nation are supposed to be Christians, and is it any surprise that the heathen mind wonders if there are any true followers of Jesus ?

There are prejudices of race, pride, custom and a hundred other things, which make it hard for the missionary to get into the confidence of the people. The laws of the Medes and Persians were not more

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arbitrary in their demands than the social customs of Japan ; and one must learn quickly to give " custom to whom custom is due," for the Gospel's sake.

Then there are difficulties within the church also, which are not entirely due to any faults in the missionary, although he may have many, and be the cause of many in others. We believe if a more Holy Ghost-filled body of missionaries had done the evangelizing there would have been a more spiritual, aggressive church in Japan. Nevertheless they are a devoted band and must be given the credit due them, and God has over-ruled much to win to Himself a people from this dark land. As for the cause of holiness, there has been a good beginning made, although up to the past few years there has been only a teaching of the first principles of Christ, as in all other foreign fields ; and if the saints in the homeland realized how slowly the heathen heart and mind takes hold of spiritual truths, they would not wonder at this. In the churches, not many seem ready for holiness ; perhaps not many are justified so as to have a definite witness of the Spirit to their salvation. Thank God, some, however, are true and faithful followers of Jesus, pouring out their lives for the Gospel, and others are " going on."*

Japan claims sixty thousand or more nominal Christians, as a result of fifty years of missionary labors ; how many of these are really " born again," we do not know, but God knows them all ; and it is our blessed duty and privilege to faithfully preach a full Gospel, in and out of the churches, as God opens a door.

The statement has been made by a well known preacher that " few among the native Christians

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know by experience what it is to be filled with the Holy Ghost." We believe this to be true, and as a consequence there is necessarily a weak church; and there are unregenerated "goats" among the weak lambs, and no doubt some wolves in sheep's clothing also.

Are there many difficulties? Yes truly, but every one of them must be used for steppingstones to jump to greater heights of grace and glory. The greater the difficulty, the greater the victory, and the more glory to our God and Saviour Jesus Christ. On the other hand, there are also hindrances in the homeland to obstruct the evangelization of the world, which you should not fail to consider faithfully and then try to remove. You are in the midst of them—look!



CHAPTER VI.

Look !

(Concluded.)

LOOK to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward." (2 John 8.)

It has been said that if Paul had gone eastward, instead of westward, that India, China, Japan and other Asiatic countries would now be enjoying the blessings of Christian influences, and we, of the Occident, would be in the dense darkness of heathenism. We may well shudder at such a thought, but it might not be unprofitable if we would try to put ourselves in their place for a short season of reflection. And yet that is almost an utter impossibility, for no one brought up under the civilizing influences of Christianity, can ever see or feel, or in any adequate measure conceive of, the darkness of a mind totally without a knowledge of Christ. While we are living under the influences of centuries of added light, in America and England; when the conscience is trained in early childhood to know right and wrong; where ten thousand swaying, modifying forces are at work that we do not stop to remember because a part of our very existence, they of heathendom are weighed down by millenniums of heathenish super-

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sition and spiritual ignorance utterly unknown to us, the depth of which it is impossible for us to measure. They are rooted and grounded in superstitious religions which do not deal with the sin question, and consequently there is no true conception of it; the moral character is dulled into insensibility in early childhood, and there is no response to the appeals of conscience, if indeed there be any more appeals. O how they need our Christ!

“Perishing, perishing! Thronging our pathway,
Hearts break with burdens too heavy to bear,
Jesus would save, but there’s no one to tell them,
No one to lift them from sin and despair.”

“He was not willing that any should perish,
Am I His follower and can I live
Longer at ease with a soul going downward,
Lost for the lack of the help I might give?”

Beloved let it echo through your whole being—
“Perishing! Perishing!!”

“Look to yourselves - - - that ye receive a FULL
REWARD.”

Bro. G. D. Watson has said that “the cause of Missions, the spreading the gospel among the heathen, shows forth the glory of God more eminently than any other enterprise on earth - - - it was the missionary spirit that prompted the eternal Father to send forth His only begotten Son into this world - - - Missions glorify God, because in them God’s gifts of money, and talent, and life, are put to their very best and highest uses. The highest utility possible on this earth for money, or brain, or life, is to have

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them put forth in the saving of souls, in taking Christ to the more dark and needy places on earth. We might say it is the "apotheosis" of gold to use it in foreign missions, for nothing puts money to a more heavenly use than to make it carry the pure Gospel to all nations. The colt on which the King of Glory rode into Jerusalem was more highly honored than all the kings of this earth put together, and yet our gifts of gold can be the 'colts' on which the full Gospel of the blessed Jesus can ride into the dark cities of heathen lands."

The widow who gave her two mites, and the woman who poured precious ointment out upon the feet of Jesus with tears and kisses, have both been called blessed by untold millions, because back of the outward act there was a devoted heart, and they gave their best, their all, to Him whom they loved. Such sacrifices and devotion cause our hearts to rejoice; and there are many hidden away ones, who are pouring out their best gifts at the feet of Jesus to-day, and who will throughout eternity be called blessed, although unknown now, not letting their left hand know what their right hand is doing. But their numbers should increase, because it glorifies God and the name of Jesus is exalted. "A full reward" will be the recompense to all who follow these Bible examples. Perishing souls are holding out their hands for the bread of life, offering multiplied opportunities to all who would follow the example and gain the approving words of Jesus: "Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house thou gavest me no water for my feet; but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. Thou gavest me no kiss;

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but this woman since the time I came in, hath not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil thou did'st not anoint ; but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment." How many there are like Simon, who are neglecting to give the water of life that the heathen may wash ; refusing the heart-felt love, represented by the kiss, and the anointing oil of a poured out life-service, that they may be saved. Beloved, are you a Simon or have you broken the precious box for Jesus ?

“ Only a bottle of ointment rare ;
Only a heart of love made bare :
Only a kiss, with weeping eyes,
Only a sinner kneeling there.

That was all that Simon saw,
That was all,—but Jesus saw
A weeping heart, repentant, true,
Grieving over a broken law.

Only a word, O how sweet !
Words of life, that soul to greet ;
“ Thy sins are all forgiven thee,”
Poured back the oil upon her feet.

Only a darkened, weary, heart,
Pushed along in the busy mart
Of a heathen city over the sea ;
One in a million, on his part.

That was all that the world could see,
No great person was he to be ;
But he carried a gift for Jesus rare,
Hid in a heart that none could see.

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But Jesus looked and saw the oil,
The tears, the love, from fruitful soil ;
He spake the words that set him free ;
Joint heir with Jesus now is he.

Many a soul is waiting there,
For precious ointment you may bear,
In gifts of money or of prayer,
Laid down at Jesus' feet so fair."

Beloved, is Jesus whispering to you to awaken to your opportunities just now ? And do you love Him, and desire above everything else to do His will ? Then let His last GREAT COMMISSION sink deep into your heart, that it may influence the remaining days of your life in such a measure as to bring no regrets, as you face your generation of heathen on that last Great Judgment Day !

Not the least of the hindrances to world-wide evangelization by the home church is the lack of devoted pastors to lead in the execution of missionary work. The pastors are still the leaders of the people, and a great responsibility lies upon them to make known to their people the needs of the vast continents lying in heathen darkness. Too often the pastor considers his responsibility is bounded by his parish wall, and narrows down his own influence and the influence of his people so that they are living leagues below their privilege in Christ, and walking short of His plan and purpose for them in the uttermost parts. Such pastors are, in some measure, hindering themselves and their people from reaping the reward which would be theirs by a wider sphere of influence, to say nothing of hindering them from

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obeying the last command and commission of their risen Lord. Could these shortsighted pastors but see it, they might be the leaders in a holy war for holiness in the ends of the earth. They might extend their parish walls to China, Japan, India, Africa or South America, and add hundreds and thousands to the Church where they are now only adding a few. May the Lord give His pastors a far-seeing eye!

"Holding the Fort" seems to be the highest ambition of some leaders; but there is a warfare on beloved, and we need to lead the forces out against the enemy in aggressive hostilities. Who ever heard any words of praise for those who stay idly at home when there is a battle on? They do not share in the spoil nor get a reward. So beloved pastor, if you are a leader of your people, lead them out to an aggressive contest, and let your influence be felt in the ends of the earth. Failing in this, you fall short of the very thing for which you were saved, sanctified and called, and miss the spoil and the reward.

People do not follow some abstract idea, but they do follow leaders, and for this reason it is impossible to have a missionary church without a missionary pastor. While there may be individual exceptions, this is the rule, and this again shows us the responsibility that rests upon the pastors. A church that is kept from ministering unto the heathen world by the neglect of its pastor is a heavy weight that will sink any pastor into the sea of oblivion. Victories can be won in the uttermost parts, by the home churches when they have a leader whose heart has felt the throb of compassion from the bosom of the Lamb of God. But churches will

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never move out to seek the lost of heathendom without a leader. So, beloved reader, if your pastor is not a missionary leader, get him sanctified or pray him out, and ask God to raise up one to lead His forces in an aggressive warfare against the powers of darkness in all the earth, for the time is short and the coming of Jesus draweth nigh, and you do not want to stand before Him with hands empty of heathen souls. You do not want your record to read, "Small missionary spirit, reward limited," in that day when the eye of Jesus will measure us at a glance.

And you, beloved pastors, if you find that you have not been as aggressive as you ought, fearing that perhaps a missionary sermon might curtail your salary allowance, learn the lesson to-day that, "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat and he that watereth shall be watered also himself. He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it." Ponder well these words and know God's way of prosperity and blessing!

To the holiness pastors especially we would direct these words, knowing their faithful labors of love in the homeland, and ask you humbly, for your own sake, as well as for the sake of the heathen, are you faithfully teaching your people to "lift up your eyes," and to go into "all the world," with the Gospel to "every creature?"

You have prayed and groaned and preached and pleaded with a burdened heart, for those about you in sin, and for the unsanctified, with blessed results.

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O why not add to your account the perishing ones of Asia, Africa and South America? Why not set apart an hour for the heathen; why not, if you are trusting God to supply all your needs, trust him to give you means to send the Gospel across the sea? God loves these lost ones just as He loved you before you were saved, and will surely supply the greater need!

You have felt a call to some special line of service in God's vineyard. Very well, surely this is God's plan; but it was never intended that you should neglect the general plan and purpose of God to witness to every tribe and nation. God did not mean to release you from witnessing unto the ends of the earth when he called you to some special purpose—He merely gave you an added privilege, in order that He might give you a greater reward—Hallelujah! So those who have had special calls to be pastors, evangelists, singers, slumworkers, prison workers, etc. etc. are especially blessed of God in that they have a double commission, and fourfold reward. Isn't it wonderful? Just like God!

Well, let us praise Him and make our rivers flow out into every nation under Heaven!

A revival, which does not revive a missionary zeal and bring a missionary spirit to hearts, is not all that God would have it to be. Men ought to be told as soon as they are born again that "the Lord hath need of him," because of the millions who still lie in heathen darkness; and for this very purpose God has saved his soul, that he may go out and be a witness unto the ends of earth. "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the *mouth* confession is made unto salvation." A

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selfish holding to ourselves of the news which God has revealed so sweetly to our own hearts, will soon bring barrenness (John 15 : 2.) New converts should be taught to "look on the fields," and instructed as to their duty concerning the unevangelized. Along with the truths of holiness, the second coming of Christ and healing, these things should be taught, if we would have a full rounded Christian and a missionary church. O how much depends upon the leaders, pastors, teachers and evangelists concerning these matters, and what an account they must give when Jesus comes! How blessed it would be if we had more churches full of saved and sanctified members who were on fire with a missionary spirit, like the church at Antioch! Is Antioch too high a standard for the church of our day? God forbid that we should ever think so! We believe it is a sample of what God meant every church to be, all down the age—a church which, with the "speed of a chariot," went out into the regions beyond, and accomplished the work which God has laid down for every church as a *duty*. Praise God, we still have hopes of seeing more churches like it!

The influences of every revival should be felt to the ends of the earth. If men and women get saved and sanctified they must become missionaries, (Acts 1 : 8.) How many thousands there are who will tell you they lost the blessing of holiness because they failed to witness—failed to be missionaries. How many there are who have lost the blessing and don't know it, because they failed to obey God's command for Jerusalem, Judaea, Samaria and the uttermost parts. How many there are who hold an empty profession and whose testimonies are dry as dust,

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and they wist not that the power has left them, who can trace their backslidings to the fact that they have had no missionary spirit. Can these dry bones live! Praise God, there is nothing too hard for Him, they can and will if we pray!

For the pastor to stir up a missionary spirit in his church, means to quicken the very centre of its being, and bring new action and power at home. As the active heart pulsations pushing the blood to every part of the body, so is the missionary spirit in a church; but let the heart grow weak, the whole body suffers. Many churches are so weak-hearted that their life-giving powers do not reach the extremities of God's plan. How is it in your church beloved?

"Look to yourselves, that we - - - receive a full reward!"



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THE voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me
from the ground." Gen. 4: 10.

It seems so sad and unreasonable, in the face of existing circumstances, that one may visit holiness camp-meetings from Maine to California and never hear one missionary sermon, or get a chance to give a cent to that cause so near the heart of our compassionate Saviour. O how Satan will fight to keep the importance of the GREAT COMMISSION in the shade! He will dim the eyes of the saints and hinder them from looking on the great fields lying in dense heathen darkness across the seas, until their indifference becomes a great grief to the Holy Ghost. Of course Satan hates divine healing, and hates the fact of the second coming, and every other blessed truth of God's Word; but above all things he so hates the cause of foreign missions, especially in the hands of holiness people, that he has turned all the powers of hell against them to stop the battle before it reaches the shores of heathendom. How well he has succeeded, one does not have far to look to ascertain. Holiness missionaries are scarce, and holiness missionary societies are few and far between. Let us pray that God will press the missionary cause

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so hard upon the existing holiness associations everywhere, that they will groan aloud and go down before God in repentance for their criminal neglect. The very idea of making the missionary cause of so little importance as to give it only one day in a two week's camp-meeting must be a sad sight to the innumerable witnesses who are watching this battle from the ramparts of heaven ; it must be a cause for heart aches to our Great Commissioner ; and the angels no doubt are wondering at the utter inconsistency of such conduct on the part of the under officers in charge on earth.

O God ! what means this black wing of indifference and neglect ? What means this seeming disregard for the perishing millions, going down to Christless graves without knowledge ? Why are so many of thy children so blinded by the powers of hell that they cannot see beyond their own little " Jerusalem " ? O we pray Thee Heavenly Father that Thou wilt so startle many of them by Thine electric touch, that they will be quickened in body, soul and spirit ; and so clarified in their vision that they can see across the seas, and get a glimpse of the multitudes tramping down to eternal despair, whom they must face at the judgment and answer why they withheld the Bread of Life. Put such awful burdens upon thy children in the homelands, for the regions beyond, that they shall be constrained to go, give or send as never before, that the thousands of open doors of these dark lands may be quickly entered ; that the eager hands outstretched to receive the Bread of Life may not go to the grave empty ; and that the strong-holds of Satan may crumble and fall at the blast of the trumpets of those thrust forth to face the enemy in

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the uttermost parts. We ask it all for thy glory alone, and in the name of our all-conquering Captain, Jesus Christ.

God is looking for stalwart men these latter days who can put their shoulder to the wheel, men with iron shoes and with the tread of giants that shake the earth; men who do not fail nor let down, but who go through the shrieking hosts of hell with their faces set like a flint and their banners unsoiled by the grime of battle; men that demons do not know what to do with, who have such a sweep of victory in their lives and ministry that the battalions of hell are nonplussed to know where to look for the next move; men of Heb. 11 faith who move mountains and uproot trees, subdue kingdoms and wax valiant in every fight, stopping the mouths of lions and turning to flight the armies of the devil; men who can face the missionary question and not turn tail, who can view the millions of heathendom and say, "Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it"; men who count not their lives dear unto themselves until "every creature" has heard the Gospel; men of love and men of tears.

Yes, God would find a few men who have died out to all personal interests, who have so launched out from self and all self desire, that they are blind to everything but to do God's will and carry out His plan for the evangelization of a lost world; men of one aim and purpose in life, so subjugated to Christ, so subdued and controlled by the Holy Ghost, so conquered of God, that all else is counted as refuse that we may know Christ and the power of His resurrection, and be an instrument in the hand of

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God Almighty for any service, at any time, in any land, under any circumstances.

Weaklings always hinder the on-march of any army ; " be no longer children " is God's injunction and invitation, come out of your childish ways and put on the whole armour of God. His cause has been hurt and hindered by weaklings and childishness to such an extent that Satan has captured whole nations, yea whole continents, and is peopling hell with more than 30,000,000 souls a year. Hundreds of Christians in the homelands are so busy tinkering with their own experience, digging it up to see if it has roots, and running here and there after every wind of doctrine, and spending their money for that which is not bread either for their own souls or the souls of the heathen, that we need not wonder at the wreck and ruin which Satan has been enabled to accomplish in the ends of the earth. With Isaiah and with Knapp we feel to cry out " Awake ! Awake ! ! " for these are latter days, and the awful rage of Satan is in the earth.

O for the thunder tones of an arch-angel that we might awaken the church to a realization of her tremendous responsibility to buy up the opportunities wide open to her in all the ends of the earth to-day !

Somehow we feel that God is trying to get a message through to His people concerning the ripeness of the fields and the shortness of the time ; and that by many providential circumstances He is speaking, but our ears are dull of hearing, the spiritual atmosphere is heavy and His signals are not heard.

We feel a great pressure upon our soul as though God were bearing down upon us with some great desire in His heart for the evangelization of the dark

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places of the earth these last momentous days. We hardly know how to express in words this feeling, but whenever we go to our knees for a lost world this burden is heavy upon us and impells us to write and lift up our voice to try and cause His people to see the ripened fields of the Orient awaiting the "beautiful feet" of the Gospel messenger, and we are cramped in spirit by the feebleness of all our efforts to present these tremendous facts. It somehow seems to us that God is overshadowing the church to-day as though He longed to break through with thunder tones from the heavens to startle into activity His sleeping ones—"Awake! . . . for some have no knowledge of God." He would fain write the words upon the skies! But what more can He do than He has done to stir His people! He does not want our unwilling service, so He does not scare us into obedience. But O how He pleads! Through His Word, through His providences, through His preparations, through His missionaries and through the Macedonian cry of all heathendom, the pleading voice of our God and Saviour is heard again and again—"Go ye," "Go ye," "Go ye"! But His voice is drowned, His heart-throb unheeded by a drowsy, worldly church. Reclining on her couch at ease, the vision of lost souls fades away in the misty distance. The opportunity passes, is lost forever and souls go on down to death and hell unloved, unsought.

The signals from the Titanic were unheeded by the Californian and the saving means was rendered inactive and useless by disregard, causing hundreds to perish who might have been saved. Let the Titanic represent the heathen world in distress sending up her signals and cries, and let the Californian

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represent the church all wrapt up in herself, fearful of her own danger, seeking only her own safety, disregarding the Macedonian cry, forgetful of her commission, merciless! What a vivid picture has been given us in the late disaster of what is taking place in the religious world to-day! God is surely signalling His church through the distress of the heathen world as never before, but His calls go mostly unheeded, and millions perish whose souls might have been saved.

We are told that certain atmospheric conditions make it very difficult for wireless signals to be caught, and that at such times there is a confusion of sounds and the real messages are misinterpreted or lost entirely. And it seems to us that there is just such an atmospheric condition in the spiritual world to-day that closes the ear to the voice of God, and shuts out the true message, or distorts it into meaningless words, for how else may we account for the unheeded commission to go to "every creature" with the glad tidings of great joy? Are not His words "go ye" misinterpreted to mean some one else and not I? Are not His words "all the world" translated to convey a very different meaning? Have not the blurred signals changed the import of His "every creature" to a meaningless command? And until the spiritual atmosphere is cleared by the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire His messages will mean almost anything! "Go ye" will sound like "Go he" or "Go she"—the personal element will drop out or change and shift to others. "All the world" will diminish into "all my world" and God's field be narrowed down, all because our ears are heavy, our eyes are dim.

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What does it mean beloved that we face such a shameful condition in the heathen world to-day, that after almost one hundred years of open doors these great heathen nations are mostly untouched—what does it mean? We may only hang our heads in the presence of the Great Commissioner and confess that we have miserably failed as a church, as a people, yea individually.

But thanks be to God we shall not continue to hang our heads, for by His grace we may “lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; and make straight paths” for the ends of the earth with the glorious Gospel of the Son of God—Hallelujah!

Come beloved! On to the uttermost parts until “every creature” has heard of our precious Jesus!

“Fling out the banner! heathen lands
Shall see from far the glorious sight,
And nations, crowding to be born,
Baptize their spirits in its light!”



CHAPTER VIII.

Pentecostal Evangelism.

THE results of Pentecostal Evangelism were felt to the very extremities of the inhabited earth in the days of the early church. "They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word," and "every creature which is under heaven" heard the "glad tidings of great joy." God has manifested to the Church the possibility of evangelizing the world in one generation, for it was just about thirty years after Pentecost when Paul made the startling declaration in Col. 1 : 23. Of course some may raise the objection that the inhabited earth of Paul's day was so much smaller than of to-day, that therefore no comparisons can be made. But if we consider the transportation facilities which are available throughout the earth to-day, and realize that it is possible to travel almost anywhere in a few weeks, we must admit that conditions are in our favor. Against the camels, horses and sailing vessels of Paul's day we must place the automobile, the lighting expresses and the ocean greyhounds of to-day, if we attempt to offer an excuse for the unevangelized millions of Africa, Asia, and South America. There is hardly any part of those great heathen continents that could not be reached in a few weeks or months

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from any part of America and England, while Paul had to spend weeks traveling a few hundred miles no doubt. The facts are patent that we cannot trump up any excuse whatever to justify ourselves for the awful neglect of heathendom. There is certainly a great burden of responsibility resting upon the church of to-day, and upon every individual member of the body of Christ, concerning the awful conditions which still exist after nearly 1900 years of Gospel preaching.

Not only have we no excuse as regards transportation facilities and accessibility for the whole world presents a wide-open door to the Gospel to-day ; but as regards numbers and wealth, the church of to-day is far in advance, proportionately, of the church of Pentecost. There are millions of dollars to-day where there were only hundreds in the early church, and there are thousands of men to-day where there were only scores in the early church. If these things be true, what then has caused the awful failure of modern Christianity? Why are there nearly 1,000,000,000 heathen in the world to-day who could not be saved if they would, having no knowledge of Jesus "the way, the truth and the life"? This is a question which every true follower of Jesus, who longs to see the glory of God in the earth, ought to face and solve. A question to which those who love Jesus, and desire to obey His last Great Commission to His disciples, will surely seek an answer.

We are convinced that it is not a question of closed doors, inaccessibility, lack of transportation, or even of men and money, for all things are open and accessible to the thousands of young men and women of the church of to-day. The only solution then

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seems to be a lack of Pentecostal enduement. We have everything that the apostles had and more, save that. They had no New Testament, we have; they had no express trains and ocean steamers, we have; few of them were highly educated, many are to-day; they had little money, to-day millions are rusting in the coffers of Christendom; we have millions of pages of Christian literature, they had practically none; and there may be many other things which we have and they had not. Let us see then what they had in the way of equipment, for surely, to accomplish the gigantic task of evangelizing the whole inhabited earth they must have had something which we have not.

First of all then we know they had an enduement of power which came upon them at Pentecost when they were all filled with the Holy Ghost. As a result of this enduement, they had power to heal the sick, raise the dead, stir whole cities, create consternation in the dead church, precipitate revivals everywhere, cast out devils, speak with other languages, do signs and wonders, and bring fear upon every sinner they came in contact with. They did not have much education, but the educated folks saw they had been with Jesus and "took knowledge of them." They had not much money; but such as they had they freely gave and in the name of Jesus commanded the lame to walk. They had no New Testament, but the early church "continued steadfast in the apostles doctrine and fellowship." They had little natural eloquence, but they knew how to talk to God and pray things through. They had no express trains—but Philip ran, and arrived on time. They had no ocean steamers, but Paul the prisoner was the

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biggest man on that old ship-wrecked sailing vessel, and knew how to buy up the opportunities when he was delayed along the way. They had no holiness literature except the Old Testament, but whole multitudes received the Holy Ghost under their ministry and went through with God. They were not great in numbers, but wherever they went they left behind them a Full Gospel Church manned mostly by native converts. Some folks hated them and put them in jail, but the prison doors opened and they walked out. Others stoned them and dragged them out as dead, but they rose up and kept on preaching Jesus and the resurrection. No one was able to stop those "rivers of living water" from flowing out and reaching every creature of the uttermost parts. The devil was awfully stirred to know how to handle them, but was utterly unable to quench the Holy Ghost fire which threatened to burn up all his miserable works. O! what a power they were in the earth for good, all because of this Pentecostal enduement.

Well, but hav'nt we this same Pentecostal blessing to-day? Oh yes, of course, there are thousands and thousands who profess to have it but when we read the Acts of the Apostles we have to confess that we are not seeing the "signs and wonders" following their ministry as it did in the early Church. Those who "turn the world upside down" have not "come hither" to any great extent. We do not see the lame leaping and walking, the sick healed very much, the dead raised, the earthquake prayer-meetings, and the holy boldness that characterized the ministry of the early disciples. Certainly in some measure we do see all these things, why not the Pentecostal measure of God's Word? Has God lowered the

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standard, or has the Holy Ghost lost His power? No beloved, we believe that the Acts is still God's standard for the Church, and the Holy Ghost has not lost any of His power. Then the fault must be ours, so let us humbly confess it, and thus open the way for God to work out the full measure of His purpose in and through us even unto the ends of the earth.

Beloved if the fulness of the Pentecostal enduement was in the Church to-day there would be no unevangelized parts in this whole earth! So the responsibility is upon us, for it is our fault and not God's that these awful conditions exist to-day. No child of God is free from his share of the responsibility, for God is no respecter of persons, and He has provided all things for us, even the fulness of Pentecostal enduement, to equip us for the work of evangelizing the whole creation.

That church whose aim is to proclaim the Gospel to "every creature" and to let her light "so shine" that her faith shall be "proclaimed throughout the whole world," is in line with God and His eternal purpose, and Antiochian in type. That Christian whose aim is to fulfill Acts 1:8 in being "My witnesses.....unto the uttermost part of the earth," has caught God's innermost thought for His children, and is in apostolic succession, being a true follower of Paul as he was of Christ Jesus. Such a church will produce her Pauls and Barnabases and influence millions of souls in all the ends of the earth, while other churches exert only a minor influence. Such a Christian will be heard from in Jerusalem and in the regions beyond, and his name honored of God and angels, while others receive honor from men only. It is just as true of the latter to-day as it ever was

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that "all their works they do for to be seen of men," and instead of seeking the lost of heathendom they desire to make a great showing in their home church by adding numbers, building greater buildings, and multiplying machinery that does not turn out much but shoddy goods, and all this to the neglect of the perishing millions of heathendom, whose cries do not reach their ears, being so full of the wax of selfishness and pride.

To the many holiness churches which are springing up all over the homelands we would lift up a warning voice, for the tendency is to drift into the same old way that has wrecked the old church on the rocks of neglect. If the holiness churches are to exist for any greater purpose than the churches from which they have split off, it must be to spread Scriptural holiness unto the ends of the earth, and to fulfill the last command and commission of her risen Lord. Just to have a "church home" where you can, without let, testify to full salvation, and enjoy a holiness sermon every Sunday, is a thousand leagues from Pentecost. There are no "church homes" spoken of in the Acts of the Apostles, nor in the history of the early church, unless their home was to be thrown to the lions of Nero's amphitheatre. The churches of early history were training schools for missionaries; arsenals from which to be equipped with the whole armour of God; power-houses to supply electricity and dynamite to preachers; schools where men and women were taught that it is the highest honor to suffer for Christ, and to have it drilled into them that if they expect to reign with Christ they must also suffer with Him: places from which martyrs go forth, to die if needs be, to get the Gospel to "every creature."

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Beloved, there are too many *common* churches, and so few, *uncommon* ones; so few extraordinary churches. Some start out well, but it is not long before the devil gets them into a rut, and they become commonplace, no dynamite, no electric flashes, the fires put out by compromise. The Holy Ghost never runs things into a rut, He is ever seeking to enliven us with new surprises for the devil, and He is looking for men and women quick of perception to catch His thought. But O how dull the most of His people are! How content so many are to just drift along with the tide and be dummies, instead of getting a fire and a go into them that will launch them out where the rage of hell will brush up against them, and they learn to fight battles and win victories in the power of Christ!

What kind of a church do you belong to beloved? Is it stronger because you are a member? Are you drifting or are you fighting? Is your influence being felt beyond your county borders? Are you in line with the purpose of God and a co-worker with Him in the uttermost parts?

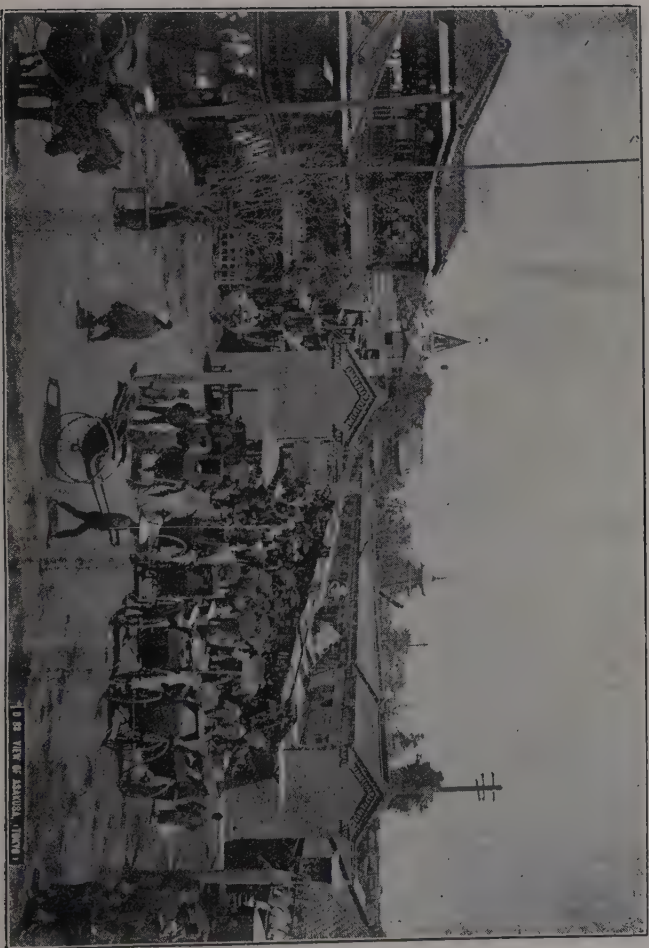


CHAPTER IX.

Giving by Faith.

“GIVE ye them to eat.” Mark 6 : 37. How often our faith is tested by coming up against impossible things! Here was a great multitude of hungry people upon whom Jesus had compassion because they were as sheep without a shepherd. The disciples said send them away and let them buy their own food, but Jesus says, “Give YE them to eat.” No doubt they thought it preposterous on the part of Jesus to expect them to feed such a multitude, and they said in their hearts, we cannot, we hav’nt food enough for so many people, they will have to wait until we can go to the surrounding villages and buy two hundred penny worth (\$30.00 worth) of bread. But Jesus was about to teach them a lesson in faith, and He asked them, “How many loaves have ye?” and they answered “Five, and two fishes.” So He commanded them to make all sit down in companies on the grass, and He, taking the five loaves and two fishes “looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves. . . . and they did all eat and were filled. And they took up twelve baskets, full of the fragments, and of the fishes.”

To-day we find that the disciples are giving the same excuses to Jesus’ command “Give ye them to



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This is the entrance to the Bazaars that line the street leading up to Asakusa Temple, in Tokyo.

THE HOPELESSNESS OF IDOL WORSHIP!



In the year 1903, a terrific gale swept over the northern part of Japan, and the above picture shows one of the many temples wrecked at that time. The priest is without a place to worship. Note the look of despair.

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eat," and some are saying, send them away. . . . "and buy themselves bread." Let them go to the villages, or in other words let them feed upon "civilization," and have their own religions, we must not interfere with them, they are unworthy of our religion and not ready for it. Of course those who talk like this have not a very clear conception of the heart desire of the compassionate Jesus.

There is another class, however, much more numerous, who are excusing themselves on the ground that they only have five loaves and two fishes, so what can they do to feed the vast multitudes of heathendom; they say let them wait until I gather a large amount then I will send it, and many will be fed; and thus fail to learn the lesson of faith which Jesus would teach them. Beloved, five loaves and two fishes in the hands of Jesus is much more than \$30.00 in the hands of the disciples, for there were twelve baskets-full left, representing about a week's need for each one of the disciples. A. B. Simpson has well said, "Giving to God is more a matter of faith than of arithmetic." That is, if we wait to count up how much we think we can afford to give instead of asking God for faith to pray down more than we can give, we hav'nt gone far into the realm of faith nor learned this lesson which Jesus sought to teach the disciples.

"Give ye them to eat," you have five loaves and two fishes, bring them to Me, lay them in My hands and see them grow and grow until the whole multitude is filled and much left over. Beloved it is all a matter of faith. Your little gifts can do more

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than millions if laid in Jesus' hands in faith. Is He not able to-day to feed multitudes? Is His heart not just as full of compassion for hungry souls? Surely we know it is, and to-day He is looking about for disciples who will have faith to lay their five cent pieces and ten cent pieces in His hands believing in His ability to feed a multitude with them. If you are saying it is too little to give to Jesus, I will wait until I can save up and give Him a worthy gift, it is simply giving way for unbelief, and bringing the power of Jesus down to the measure of the amount of your offering. Let us lay what we have in the hands of Jesus, and believe in His Omnipotence, and His desire to be doing impossible things for us continually. He is still able to feed a multitude with five loaves and two fishes. There are eight hundred or more millions of starving souls to-day that Jesus has compassion upon and whom He wants to feed with the small gifts of faith. He desires to be performing miracles to-day in answer to faith, just as He did while on earth, and it is in the spiritual world where we may see these multitudes fed, mountains removed and the dead raised to life.

Ah beloved, let us beware lest it may be also said of us as it was of the disciples a few hours afterward, "their hearts were hardened," as "they considered not the miracle of the loaves."

There never was a time when such wonderful privileges, to lay up treasures in Heaven, were given to the children of God, as to-day in the uttermost parts of the earth. There never was such universal ripeness, never such whitened harvests, never such open doors for the Gospel messenger, as is presented to-day by the neglected parts of His

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vineyard. Never were there richer opportunities to prove God by bringing in "all the tithes into the storehouse," in order that the "windows of Heaven" might open over the missionary movement of the home lands, and a blessing be poured out which could not be received for lack of room. God is waiting to flood and overflow, from the "windows of Heaven," not only individual souls, but churches and associations, when they bring in all the tithes.

God has been, and is being, robbed. He is being robbed of obedience, by those who have not come, by those who have not given, and by those who have not prayed, as His still small voice has whispered His pleadings in their innermost soul concerning the neglected millions of heathendom. He has been robbed of souls you might have won for Him, had you obeyed His voice to come, or give, or pray. You who have been definitely called to go forth and give your lives for the ministry of the Gospel in the "regions beyond," and who are not making any efforts to obey that call, you are robbing God of hundreds of precious souls that might have been, and would have been saved had you not proven unfaithful, "Bring ye all the tithes,—and prove me now" before it is eternally too late. There are yet blessings in Heaven, although delay has perhaps diminished your share somewhat.

You who have been called to give (and who has not?), you have robbed God in "tithes and offerings!" The souls who might have, and would have been saved through your "tithes and offerings" will surely meet you at the judgment. Has the thought of your heart been "my power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth," and have you

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forgotten that you are only to be a steward of that wealth? Then hear God's Word: "But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for IT IS HE THAT GIVETH THEE POWER TO GET WEALTH, THAT HE MAY ESTABLISH HIS COVENANT which He swore unto the fathers, as it is this day." Jesus gave up ALL, and He told the rich young ruler to do the same, that he might gain eternal life. And to-day God is still calling men and women to give up all, that they may gain all. He is pointing out the rich, ripe opportunities of heathendom to those who have His money, that they may invest it in souls and lay up treasure in Heaven. But O how few care to invest! The conviction to do so is pushed aside by vain excuses which will not stand the light of God's Word, and will become a gangrene to eat the very life, and impoverish the soul throughout eternity. O beloved, you who have not given all, how can you bear the shrieks of those you have damned by your covetousness and your love of money?

You who have been called to pray (and who has not?), you have robbed God! Our God by His many promises to hear and answer, invites and demands our prayers. Not the prayers of those who ask amiss that they may consume it upon their lusts, but the unselfish, fervent, effectual, burdened, Holy Ghost inspired breathings of the righteous man. We are commanded to enter our closets and shut the door, and pray to our Father which is in secret. Beloved are you doing that? Praying to the Father, does not mean using vain repetitions, but it means getting into communion with Him, knowing of a surety that He hears, and then when we know He hears we know we have the petitions we have asked of Him. Prayer

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is not an indefinite form which we feel that we must go through so many times a day, but a definite and sweet communion with Father, Son and Holy Ghost in which we talk face to face with God, make requests and get answers, and plead fervently and see results. Beloved, unless your prayers are like those of Moses, Elijah, Ezra and Nehemiah and Paul in their effect upon the people and conditions of to-day, you are robbing God; and the regions beyond are left in heathen darkness for lack of intercessors who will throw themselves into the breach between a heathen world and God, and stay on their faces until the answers come. O for an army of prevailing pray-ers! O for a host of fervent pleaders who know how to hold on and move God and men! O for a revival of Pentecostal giving that scatters the holy fire into all parts of God's ripened vineyard! O for closet workers, who will stain their walls with praying breath until the heavens are split to let down the fire of God!

Beloved are you robbing God?



CHAPTER X.

Prayerful Giving.

PRAYERFUL giving to the cause of Christ seems very essential in these days when appeals are coming from all sides, and many are at a loss to know just where to place their offerings. It is a God given instinct that causes us to be careful and prayerful to put money where it will bring the greatest return in treasure laid up in Heaven. When we have "died dead" to the love of filthy lucre, and our only desire is to glorify God, keep a single eye, and seek the lost in all the ends of the earth, then and only then are we in line with God's financial plan for His children, and in a place where we are sure of Divine guidance if we stay long enough on our knees to get it. We firmly believe that God would have His children study to give intelligently ; that they should canvas the field, acquaint themselves with the conditions and needs of various claims, and know that they are placing His money where He would have it placed. We should make use of every means to get knowledge concerning the needs of the the various fields, and then with this knowledge go to our knees and ask God's guidance as to what use we shall put the money He has intrusted us with. In this assurance our giving will be effective ; it will

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accomplish what God intended it should, it will bring results, and there will be a calm, settled conviction that we are in the will of God, and rich blessing shall return upon our own head—praise God !

Were it possible to compute and publish the amount of useless and wasteful giving that results from prayerless and haphazard administration of God's money, no doubt we should all be sorrowfully amazed ; and perhaps it is just as well that such a thing is impossible, for it might have a reflex influence that would be disastrous ; but it surely does become us as God's children to seek His guidance in all our ministrations—there is no other sure way. If we follow any man or any board we still need God's approval upon it, or we may drift into lifeless, uninterested, formal giving that brings no blessing, and that accomplishes little or nothing toward the evangelization of a lost world.

Impulsive giving, when the impulse is from the Lord, is good and effective ; but when the impulse is merely local, or because some appeal strikes the fancy at the moment, it becomes a haphazard shot—it may hit the mark, or it may not, generally it does not. This is not God's *best* thought for us. That giving which is based upon our deepest convictions wrought in us upon our knees by the Holy Ghost is the kind that counts. We might term it "*tested giving*," that is to say we have sought and found God's thought for our offerings, we have given our money, we have seen it bring results, we have been blessed in the transaction. Surely this "*tested giving*" is God's plan for us ! Surely it will count most in bringing about God's great purpose to make known to "every creature" His love in Christ Jesus !

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Tested giving then is based upon prayer and knowing God's will and proving it; and each one of us may be assured in our own heart concerning the grace of giving. "Let each man do according as he hath purposed in his heart"—is God's plan. That "heart purpose" should be inwrought by the Holy Ghost, and if God's people would wait upon Him long enough in this behalf it would soon come about that there would be no more useless and wasteful giving, "for the ministration of this service (giving) not only filleth up the measure of the wants of the saints, but aboundeth also through many thanksgivings unto God," (2 Cor. 9 : 12)—it is effectual and full of blessing, Praise God !

Summed up, the whole matter simply resolves itself into the one thought of prayerful giving, and we are quite safe in saying that it is the desire of God that all His children should make this grace of giving a matter for much prayer, and more especially so these last days when a great effort should be put forth to reach "every creature" with the good news of salvation, that the coming of the Lord may be hastened.



CHAPTER XI.

Holding the Ropes.

“**T**HROUGH a window in a basket was I let
down by the wall.” 2 Cor. 11 : 33.

No mention is made of the helping hands that lowered Paul to a place of safety, but that there were hands we are quite sure, and they were true rope-holders who did their work well. Too often we are liable to forget the hidden away ones who hold the ropes that bring deliverance to God's warriors. Too often we are liable to forget or underestimate the important part that these hidden ones are taking in God's purpose. Especially are they a most important part of His purpose in the “regions beyond.” Little could be accomplished without the aid of those hands that let down the basket from the window. Praise God, they are loving hands!

Some people who have an abnormal idea of the life of faith would have us to cut the rope and have no connection with rope-holders, but to let God do it all. No doubt God could do it all, and take care of all the missionaries without the intercession of any homeland saints, but He is not working that way, for He wants all His children to have a co-partnership in the rescue of the lost of heathendom.

We should make it easy for God to answer our

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prayers by having a Scriptural faith. It seems to me that He is hindered often from giving us all He would love to by our unscriptural and abnormal faith, which is not faith at all, but presumption. We *presume* that God will honor faith without works, but His Word declares that such faith is vain and dead, it brings forth no fruit. Such presuming some call "faith," but God does not, nor will He honor it, hence, those who are thus presumptuous hinder Him from answering their prayers, and their work does not prosper.

When Russia was at war with Japan, her army, whether at the front or in the barracks a thousand miles west, was engaged in that war. Whether wielding a sword at the front, or a box of provisions two thousand miles away made no difference, they were all under orders and engaged in the war against Japan, and their services were not the less important and needful because they were thousands of miles from the firing line. And so it is in the work in the foreign field, there is just as much need of the rope-holder as there is of the one at the front. This has always been God's plan through the ages ever since Paul and Barnabas the first Christian missionaries were sent out by the church at Antioch, and supported by their prayers and gifts. They were true rope-holders at Antioch, and Paul and Barnabas were true faith missionaries, whose trust was in the living God and whose faith took hold for the supply of every need. Of course they believed God would supply their needs through those who knew them and who sent them out, this would be the natural foundation for their faith, unless indeed, Barnabas sold another field to meet the expenses of that first

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missionary journey. But some people to-day say that it is not faith, when the needs are mentioned to anyone but God. This seems a very short-sighted view of faith, and we believe that Paul returned to Antioch and Jerusalem for the very purpose of presenting the needs of the foreign fields to the home church—see Acts 14 : 26-28 and 21 : 19. This being the case, Paul would have to be barred out of their list of faith missionaries. But we prefer to keep him at the top as our example of a true faith missionary. Some one has recently said that the late J. Hudson Taylor of the China Inland Mission did not run to England and America to present the needs of China ; but that is a great mistake, for he made several trips both to England and America, to Canada and to Australia for that very purpose, and his work in China was more widely known than perhaps any other missionary work, and he was none the less a true faith missionary. When he looked to God for the supply of a need, he knew that God would talk to those who knew of that work in China, in order to answer his prayers, so there was a necessity for a wide circle of acquaintance in all the homelands, and agents appointed in England, Australia, Canada and the United States, and three papers published in the same interest. How any missionary who has seen the needs of the foreign field can keep quiet and not present those needs to the homeland saints is a strange state of affairs, and such a one must indeed be bereft of a heart of compassion. The blood of souls may be required of him for he has not done ALL HE MIGHT for the lost around him to whom he is sent to minister.

Away with such foolishness, which is a real

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hindrance to true faith, and let us tell to all the children of God the needs and conditions of the fields, by voice and pen, so much and so long neglected.

Then again someone says, look at George Muller, he never appealed to the people. But they forget that there was a widespread knowledge of the work that George Muller was doing, and nearly every man, woman and child in England knew of him; and his travels extended to 40 countries so that when he prayed for the supply of the needs of his thousands of orphans, he was assured that God would speak to some one who was acquainted with that work. That is just what is necessary in any faith work—a widespread acquaintance, so that faith is encouraged, and when we plead the promises, we know there are some among the rope-holders that will be touched in answer to prayer and the need supplied through them. We must not look to the rope-holder however, but to God alone. Still we do not forget that God will assuredly use those who know about us, and are in sympathy with us, and are burdened for us in prayer, and co-laboring together with us in behalf of lost souls. These are no less true soldiers because they are standing by the stuff; no, they are just as needful as any other part of the army. So, beloved, let us get a Scriptural view of faith, and a charitable view of faith-workers, and set a good example for all, by being a true follower of Paul as he was of Jesus Christ, Who gave up ALL to come down to earth seeking the lost!

CHAPTER XII.

The Suffering Lamb !

“**Y**ET it pleased the Lord to bruise Him ; He hath put Him to grief ; when thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied : by His knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many ; for He shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong ; because He hath poured out His soul unto death and He was numbered with the transgressors ; and He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.” (Isa. 53 : 10-12.)

The suffering Lamb of God ! O what an incentive to labor for souls ! What an incentive to seek the lost in all the earth ! What an incentive to activity, to be steadfast, unmovable always abounding in the work of the Lord ; for it is only by winning souls that we can reward Jesus for His sufferings ; only by seeking the lost in all the earth can we satisfy Him for the travail of soul which He bore for us upon the cross of Calvary. Nothing but souls, *souls*, **SOULS** will ever compensate Him for those three years of

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suffering which culminated in Gethsemane and Calvary. "He hath poured out His soul unto death"! —and what for, beloved? All for souls! All for a lost world! "God so loved the World." O how strange and thrilling are the words of God's amazing love for souls! Who can measure those words in John 3: 16? As they fall upon the dull ears of sinful man there is nothing to respond, there is no real comprehension of what it means, and yet gradually it begins to dawn upon us that here is something superhuman, something not of earth, something that must surely have come from another world. In the sufferings of God's Lamb upon the cross of Calvary, God was manifesting His wondrous love to the world that we might, by an object lesson, learn what John 3: 16 means. God bruised Jesus because of love for us! God put His only Begotten Son to grief and suffering because of love for a lost world! Jesus was stricken, smitten of God the Father because "God so loved the World!" "He hath poured out His soul unto death" because He loved a sinful, guilty, rebellious, heathen, God-hating, disobedient world! Marvel of grace! Who can measure such love? Earth has no rule, no measuring-rod for Heaven's amazing store of love!

Then, if God so loves lost souls, how we ought also to love "the world," and give, even as He gave, a life "that they might not perish but have everlasting life."

To the heathen world where Jesus is unknown there is no knowledge of God's wonderful love for them. They can only know of it as we go to them with the news of the atonement of Jesus on the cross of Calvary. They can only know of it as we lift up

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Jesus the Crucified One. He, and He alone, is the manifestation of God's nature—love. We may preach about God's love in nature, how He provides food and clothing and preserves life etc., etc., but it will never appeal to the human heart as do the sufferings of Christ for man. The redemption by blood, wrought out upon Calvary is the only story of love that breaks men's hearts and draws them to God.

This story has never yet been told in the ears of over 800,000,000 souls for whom Jesus died and whom God "so" loves. O how it ought to stir our very soul centre, how it ought to move us to shame, (1 Cor. 15 : 34) how it should bring us to our knees, how it ought to search each one to measure their service and see whether we are doing all we might to bring the reward of souls to the suffering Lamb of God !

America has been evangelized ; England, Canada, Australia, and a few other lands have received the Gospel message in all their borders ; and this has, in a measure been a satisfaction for the travail of Jesus ; but O beloved, Asia alone contains about one half the population of the globe, and only a few of her nearly 800,000,000 have received the news of salvation ; and Russia with her 100,000,000 ; and South America's 50,000,000 and Africa's 200,000,000 are still groping in awful heathen darkness. O how can His soul be satisfied when so many of those souls for whom "He poured out His soul unto death" are yet without that knowledge which would bring them release from the awful darkness of heathenism and idolatry ? O, beloved, let us consider these things, and "awake to righteousness and sin not ; for some

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have no knowledge of God ; I speak this to your shame."

Many are touched by the compassion of Jesus for a lost world, and long to go and tell the heathen, and they come up to the testing time when they find that their compassion for father or mother or children is stronger than for Christ and His lost souls. They cannot bear to break the ties of nature, they compromise, backslide, and must face at the judgment lost souls who might have been saved had they obeyed God.

Others are touched by the love of God for lost souls, and long to send their gifts and offerings to help others take the Gospel to the heathen ; but they look at their purse, then at their own wants, and say within themselves, "I'll wait until I can spare more." They wait a while, until the Spirit of God whispers to them again to "lift up their eyes." Again they examine their bank account which has not improved, but rather diminished by not regarding Prov, 11 ; 24 ; and they say within themselves, "Winter is coming on, we all need clothing, and then there is coal to buy etc., etc." and the "still small voice" is crushed into the silence, and the Holy Ghost grieved and the soul made lean.

Beloved, the joy of giving is never realized when we only give of our abundance—there is nothing in it that brings satisfaction to our own souls, no blessing that enlarges the heart. God may use it, souls may be saved, but there is not the present joy which comes to those who give of their need, and the treasure laid up in heaven is not measured by the size of the gift but by the sacrifice made in giving.

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Jesus said of the widow, "this poor widow hath cast more in than all they."

Then we read also that "He was numbered with the transgressors." Jesus the spotless Lamb of God, took a place in death with the lowest of criminals, He was "made sin" that we might go free. Upon Him was laid the iniquity of this lost world, so that there is no sin for which He did not atone; no darkness so dense but what He, as the Light of the World, can dispel; no sinner so low but what He took a place beside him to bear that sinner's iniquity. Jesus then has a very close relationship with the lost ones of earth in being numbered with them, and longs that they may know of Him and His sufferings for them, longs that even "every creature" may know that He bore their griefs, carried their sorrows and was bruised for their iniquities and wounded (tormented—margin) for their transgression.

Of course we have His commands and commissions to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," to which we may not turn a deaf ear on pain of punishment for disobedience; but we who profess to be followers of the compassionate Jesus ought to be inspired by a higher motive than duty. We who have His Spirit should be constrained by love rather than a sense of obligation. If the sufferings of Christ and the love of God do not constrain us with an irresistible power to reach out to the ends of the earth after the lost souls for whom He is in travail, then beloved how can we ever witness that we have the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Christ? If we are not touched by His sufferings, if we do not "feel" His compassion, if we have not carried the burden of His travail for lost souls, there is a higher

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place for us in the realm of grace and experience which we should not lose any time in seeking after.

Beloved, ponder these things before God on your knees, and let His Holy Spirit search your inmost soul with these truths, for the sake of the suffering Lamb of God and His lost sheep.



CHAPTER XII.

Duty, Responsibility, Privilege.

DUTY—Mark 16 : 15—"Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

RESPONSIBILITY—1 Cor. 15 : 34—"Awake to righteousness, and sin not ; for some have not the knowledge of God : I speak this to your shame." "How shall they hear without a preacher." Rom. 10 : 14.

PRIVILEGE—Isa. 6 : 8—"Here am I ; send me."

It is the duty, the responsibility and the privilege of every child of God to have some part in the evangelization of this world, some part in taking the Gospel to "every creature."

Concerning duty, this command "go ye," is certainly not addressed to only a few specially chosen ones, but comes with equal force to all those who belong to the household of faith. We who love the Lord Jesus, cannot turn a deaf ear to any of His commands, much less to this last great command and commission given just before His ascension. Some may say "I am not called " and yet here is the plain command of Jesus to every one, and that means YOU.

There are several ways to go, and we must obey,

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either by going in person, helping send others, or by a life of intercession.

The command binds the duty upon us, no matter how we may strive to shirk the task. The command is to men and not to angels. You must do your duty, because no one else can do that for you. Jesus is soon coming and every man will be judged according to his works.

Again let us notice that the command reads "preach the Gospel." If you have only sent a few dollars or a few hundred dollars to the foreign field to help rescue starving bodies or help some unfortunate one temporally, you are still leagues from your duty. Nothing but "the Gospel" will do. It is your duty to minister to *souls* by witnessing to all the world, and although you give your body to be burned for the heathen and do not "preach the Gospel" it is all in vain. "Preach the Gospel" is the command and commission.

Our Book tells us that there is "None other Name under Heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved"; therefore the name of Buddha cannot save the 500,000,000 or more who worship at his shrine, nor can the name of Mahommed save the 200,000,000 who bow down to him; these souls must hear of Jesus through preachers who must be "sent." The name of Jesus and the power of that Name, must be proclaimed to "every creature" before the weight of responsibility can be lifted; before the church can count her duty done. Until then there is an unfinished work on hand, and an unaccomplished duty to perform which must cause grief to the great Heart of compassion as He views the awful waste of souls pouring over the brink of

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despair every hour, all because of an indifferent and disobedient church.

Immortal souls are going down to death and hell at the awful rate of thirty millions every year, the majority of whom never heard of Jesus. Let us not think lightly of these perishing souls, for they are not just a lot of heathen foreigners, but our own flesh and blood, men and women who have fought the battles of life, carried the sorrows and borne the burdens of fathers and mothers; men and women who have lived in their various spheres of life and who have left their influence somewhere. Too often when we read about the 800,000,000 unevangelized souls and how many are dying every day, etc., we only give them a passing thought. They only appeal to us as a great mass of humanity in which we have no vital interests. But, beloved, did you ever stop to ask yourself how Jesus regards those perishing souls? Surely as He sees them passing away off the stage of mortal life into a dark eternity, He remembers the cross of Calvary and His sufferings in Gethsemane, how He bore their sins, carried their sorrows and griefs, and opened a door of deliverance for them through His precious blood atonement, of which they have never heard one word. If God takes note of every falling sparrow, surely He does not forget the perishing ones who have never received the Gospel; and as He looks away from those who are falling over the brink of despair, He turns a look of longing toward those lands where the Gospel light shines out and seems to whisper again, "Lift up your eyes, O my children, lift up your eyes, the harvest is great, the labourers are few, go ye and tell every creature."

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Our duty is important because time is short and the days are evil. Hell rages, the devil goes about like a roaring lion, and every imp of Satan is active with a superhuman energy. To offset this the church needs the energising force of the Holy Ghost, wisdom from above and a heart full of love, being burdened for souls. She needs to be alive to the issues of the hour, and awake to the commands of her Great Commander, instead of giving way to the baneful inertia which seems to be the general tendency of the majority. Viewing the situation to-day He may well ask, "Shall I find faith in the earth?" Were He to stand in our midst to-day surely His message would be, "Awake to righteousness and sin not, for some have no knowledge of God."

Moreover, our duty is also important because it has been long neglected. Not since the early church scattered the news to every creature (Col. 1: 23) has there been a fulfillment of the command and commission of Jesus concerning the uttermost parts. History fails to record the accomplishment of that work since the days of Paul. Beloved, this stands as an awful reproach to the church, and especially to the holiness movements of to-day, which could do the work in a very few years if the burden was upon her. Bring Paul back and stand him in the holiness camp-meetings of America to-day and he would surely turn the whole thing into a missionary meeting and scatter the men and money to the ends of the earth, and upbraid them for their lack of love for souls and disobedience to the last command of Jesus. He could point out how all down the ages, society after society has shipwrecked and gone down into com-

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promise simply because they heaped up their treasure selfishly, enriching themselves at the expense of the perishing ones of heathendom, and he would cry out from that great missionary heart, "How shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?.....How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"

Once more, our duty is important because the commission comes from One who loves us and who loves all the lost of earth; One who gave the command out of a great heart of compassion for the suffering. He knew the results of sin, He knew the sorrow, the heart yearnings, the pain, the sadness, the mourning, the misery, the sickness, and all the distress with which sin has cursed the human race; and because He "so loved the world" He said to us "Go ye." O that we might hear the pathos of that voice, and ponder the emotions of that heart-cry! He did not merely say "Go ye" to keep us from selfishness, but also because there were "other lost sheep" to be gathered in. O how much there must have been in His mind, as all these things stood out before His omniscient eye! As He saw the end from the beginning, and knew how His command would be neglected, surely it added sorrow to His last hours on earth.

Let us, beloved, so devote our energies toward the evangelization of our own generation that there shall be nothing chargeable against us in that day when the heathen shall stand before us at the judgment, and thus rejoice the heart of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who gave His life that they might be saved. Shall we not bend every effort to give them one chance?

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RESPONSIBILITY,—1 Cor. 15 : 34.

That "some have not the knowledge of God" is an awful condition of affairs after almost 1900 years of Gospel propagation. When we face this fact, and ponder it, how it *does* put us to shame. Millions upon millions going down the broad road to destruction, and so few "awake" to their responsibility. We are happy and rejoicing in the glorious salvation of Jesus and grace of God, but all about us there are those who do not know Jesus, and among them we may see parents, brothers, sisters, relatives, friends and neighbors, as well as the millions of heathen.

Here in Tokyo, where there are about one hundred churches, we often have men come into our mission halls who tell us "this is the first time I ever heard the Gospel," so we know there are millions in this land who know not Jesus. Knowing these conditions we ought to shoulder the responsibility even although Jesus had never given a command. Surely if we are true Christians, a lock on the fields will place a responsibility upon us to take this blessed news of salvation to all the world.

God says "I speak this to your shame." Now beloved do not let us harden our hearts nor shrink from these words, let us feel the shame, let us acknowledge it is to our shame, for God is never untruthful in any of His statements. So let us ponder our responsibility until it brings the blush of shame to our cheeks.

Again He says, "Awake—and sin not." Too many Christians are asleep on this important question of evangelizing the world, and that is the reason why it has not been done, so God is shouting out to-day

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as never before "AWAKE!" O beloved do you not hear that trumpet Voice in the Macedonian cries from every heathen land to-day?

"Sin not." People sin by being asleep. Indifference is sin. Neglect is sin. Procrastination is sin. God says "awake and sin not" and if we know and do not obey and preach the Gospel to every nation we will surely backslide.

The more we come in contact with the people and see the abominations of idolatry, and the darkness of the heathen mind, especially in the interior places, the more we realize the responsibility that rests upon God's people who have been intrusted with the precious Gospel message. It is a responsibility which is a matter of life and death to millions of souls. When there is a national calamity, how quickly the people of the world come to the aid of the suffering ones, how quickly relief is sent to the perishing bodies! This has been demonstrated time and time again in the history of the world. O beloved, has there ever been a national calamity which has come anywhere near equalling the awful fact that a thousand million of souls are perishing for lack of the Bread of Life? All other calamities sink into mere droppings of sorrow compared with the fearful fact that one billion of souls have no chance to escape the torments of an eternal hell fire: could not be saved if they would, for they know not Jesus that "Only name" given under Heaven whereby they must be saved.

Physical sufferings appeal to the senses, and stir the natural compassions of all who are not entirely bereft of their humanity. The sufferings of the Russian Jews and the Armenians, the awful devastations of

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war, famine, earthquake and other judgments appeal to the saved and to the unsaved alike, but O how few seem moved by the still more heart-breaking soul-suffering which is hidden away from the sight of the natural eye! We cannot expect the unsaved to know anything of this, but God's children should have more than a mere human compassion, which is only moved by contact with physical suffering. The *spiritual* needs of a lost world should appeal to them with greater force than the *physical* needs appeal to the unsaved, and yet it must ever be a rebuke to us that the world has done more in benevolences to rescue perishing bodies, than God's people have to rescue lost souls. We are continually being rebuked by the zeal and sacrifices of men and women in the world in behalf of less worthy causes, which should make us hang our heads in shame, and go to our knees in repentance, when we realize how little we are doing for perishing souls. O that there might a clarion voice be heard all through the holiness movement to-day that should strike terror to those who are not doing what they might to carry the Gospel to the uttermost parts; an electric current from the skies to so awaken the indifferent ones to a sense of their fearful responsibility to the heathen, that they would be moved out of the deepening ruts into which they are sinking in the mire of selfishness; out, out into every corner of dark heathendom, until "every creature" should hear the Gospel message and have one chance of salvation!

God's voice through His Holy Word has become so common-place to many of His children that it does not move them any more as it should. They have read it so often, just because they felt they

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must, that the edge is dulled into insensibility, and their hearts are not made to bound with joy as they ponder His commands and precepts. O beloved take care, this is one of the cunning deceptions of Satan, one of his hidden fangs to poison your soul! Let there be such a ready obedience, such a burning desire to be wholly at His service such a manifest "Here am I, send me" in our actions, that God can speak to us His tenderest whispers, knowing that we shall jump to obey His every desire.

Of course none of us would *say* to the heathen "Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled," but how do our *actions* speak? Words are vain when our actions contradict them. You may indeed say "O the poor, perishing heathen," but how much have you done by your gifts and prayers to help the poor, perishing heathen? We may deceive men, and be very prominent in our church, or in our holiness association, but God does not measure us by words, but every man shall answer for deeds, then will our own words condemn us if we have fallen short of the whole will of God, and been indifferent to His great commission to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.

PRIVILEGE—Isa. 6 : 8.

O what a glorious privilege is ours to preach Christ and Him crucified and see souls from every tribe and nation kneeling at His feet in repentance! Glory to God! When Isaiah got the "coal of fire" he got something put into him which made him cry out "Here am I : send me." He could not stay at home now, there was a "go" in his body, soul and spirit which could not be held back by all the powers of hell. He got the same "go" that

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the apostles got when the Holy Ghost came upon them and they "could not but speak." Jesus is waiting to hear our "Here am I: send me." He loves that voice, and those words come from the hearts of all who truly love Him. It is no more "duty" and "responsibility," no more a burden, but, constrained by the love of Christ, we now see it as a glorious privilege—Hallelujah!

We can hardly imagine Paul saying "Well this is my night at the mission so I suppose I shall have to go," ah no beloved, that is *duty*; and he had left all that behind when he saw that light from Heaven, and now all is loving service, glorious privilege.

It may be that there are some who have not even considered their duty and responsibility concerning the heathen, and if so let us with one jump land on the third step of "privilege," and leave "duty" and "responsibility," behind. O let the constraining love of Christ lift you away above duty and responsibility into the glorious realms of privilege!

Love, divine love, is the greatest incentive to missionary effort, and if we have a burning personal love for our precious Saviour who redeemed us with His own blood, all indifference to missionary work will disappear, and the kingdom of Christ will appear. When we love Him with all our heart, mind, and strength, we shall have a jealous desire to make Him known to "every creature" of every tribe and nation, that He may see the travail of His soul and be satisfied.

Some one has wisely said, "In no other way can we so effectively bring the suffering Saviour the reward of His passion, as by missionary labor; whether we go ourselves, or enable others to go."

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The truth of this becomes apparent when we remember that the greatest results attending the preaching of the Gospel, are to be found in the "regions beyond," where so many are waiting to hear of Jesus the Saviour. His suffering soul can only be satisfied by souls; and if we would fill up the measure of His desires, we must bring Him souls.

This makes the missionary problem one of love, and also it becomes a personal matter with every lover of God to bring a gift of souls to Jesus that He may "see His seed" and be satisfied.

We are convinced that if the children of God had a deeper personal love for the person of Jesus, there would be a deeper love for souls, and a wider range of service in reaching out to the uttermost parts for souls to lay at His feet.



CHAPTER XIV.

Three Essential Things.

IN studying the foreign missionary problem, and how best to get the Gospel to those 1,000,000,000 souls who know not Jesus, there are three essential things for us to look at, viz: the needy world lying in the evil one; the perfect atonement made upon Calvary's cross for it, and the church as the connecting link.

Let us lift up our eyes and look at the world, as we are commanded to do. Let us see its misery, its pride, its debasement, its superstition, its idolatry, its immorality, its licentiousness, its brutality, its festering corruption, its bloodshed, its falsity, its perfidy and its miserable failure. Let us look down from our "heavenly places" and see this wilderness of sin, as Jesus saw it when He came to redeem it; let us know and feel the misery that prevails in every nation under the sun, if possible, even as Jesus knew and felt it.

There are several ways in which we may view the conditions of the world. A faithful study of carnality and its workings recorded in God's Word, will fit the conditions to-day, just as well as the conditions which existed when it was written, for depraved human nature is the same in every age and in every nation,

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except as it may vary in its outward manifestation. "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked" both in the middle of China and in England, although that depravity may manifest itself in brutal lust in England, and in demon worship in China. The Bible is a wonderful Book on Missions, and has a great deal to say about heathenism and idolatry, and the remedy. It even goes into much detail, although statistics are not recorded. Beginning from the fall of Adam and extending right through to the last chapter of Revelation, the precious Book is above all other books a missionary record; and from Noah to Paul there are missionary biographies which outshine the modern. Let us read God's Word with this idea and see what a wonderful record of missionary work we have in our library. Even if we did not have another missionary book, there is hardly any excuse for ignorance concerning the awful conditions of the heathen world. However we have hundreds of volumes of missionary literature which are available to all, to acquaint us with special conditions in various lands, and containing much that is valuable by way of statistics, biography, records of labors accomplished and yet to be done. Many missionary books might truly be called a continuation of the acts, not of the apostles, but of God's people. We should read them. Let us, beloved, lift up our eyes in our closets, and look upon the field, and consider those three million of heathen dying without Christ every month of the year.

The second factor for us to study is the Atonement of Jesus Christ for all men, in its relation to a lost and unevangelized world. If we could put ourselves

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in Jesus' stead, and see and feel from His standpoint, it would help us to solve the thought of God. That is however impossible, except in a very small degree. We can never feel what He felt, as He bore the sin of the whole world in His Body on the Tree ; we can never see what He saw as He looked down from His home in Glory and told the Father, I'll go and redeem them. But to some degree we may see and feel this, even with our human infirmities encompassing and darkening our spirit's vision.

Could we be lifted up from the earth and view its land and sea, its beautiful trees and green grass, its shining rivers and majestic mountain ranges, we would see only God's handiwork and rejoice in the beautiful prospect, but could we view the hearts and minds of men and read their daily thoughts, and see the awful handiwork of Satan and the powers of darkness, our rejoicing would be turned to sorrow and weeping. Were our eyes opened to see the spiritual forces of darkness at work in the earth, to see Satan's cloven hoof marks in every phase of human thought, his corrupting touch upon every purpose of earth and his poisonous breath whispering in every ear, we would see something of what Jesus saw, and know something of why He came to destroy the works of the devil and cleanse men's hearts from all sin. The atonement stands out in the history of the human race as the **ONLY HOPE** for earth's misery and failure, the *only* ground for confidence, and the *only* remedy for sin. Therefore every man should know about the atonement of Jesus, or he is left to the mercy of Satan, left hopeless, left in his sin and defeat. We need to be touched with that compassion and love which "so loved" that it gave its best gift ;

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we need to know the love of Christ or utterly fail to fathom His purpose and feel His hurt. Indeed, beloved, we need to search the very heart of the Father to, in any sense, comprehend that marvellous, unheard of love, which could pour out wrath and punishment upon the Son of His love, in order to redeem a race of rebels. Ah precious reader, we are lost in wonder, love and praise; we are simply undone in the presence of such a love; our mind fails of weakness to lay hold of such heavenly thoughts; and we simply prostrate ourselves before our Precious Redeemer and feel ourselves as dead men; but He lifts us up, His touch revives and brings life, and we "take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord." Beloved, is this worth telling to the heathen? Have we a salvation that is worth while passing on?

Our next problem is the connecting link between the unevangelized millions, and the love of God of which they know nothing—the Church of the Redeemed on earth, the body of Christ. A head without a body, or a body without a head is a gruesome thing. One is indispensable to the other. And not only is this true, but there must be unity of action between head and body, or the very purpose of that creation must be thwarted or spoilt. So it is just as true, that Jesus as the head of the Church needs a body to work through, as that you, my reader, need your body. Then again, the body always obeys the head, because there is the seat of intelligence and power. Also in Jesus as Head, there is wisdom and grace and power, which should direct every movement of His church. Now we are not left in ignorance as to the plan and purpose of

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our Head. It is revealed in His Word, and our duty is simply to walk in the light of that revealed truth. "This is the way walk ye in it." Fore-ordained are all His works that we should walk in them. Next to the fact that Christ died for our sins, comes the fact that this glad tidings of great joy is to be conveyed to "every creature," which makes missionary effort the supreme end of the Church. She exists for the very purpose of propagating the Gospel until every tribe and nation is reached and the Gospel preached for a witness in all the earth so that the ultimate purpose of God, in the restoration of all things through the second coming of Jesus Christ to this earth as King of kings and Lord of lords, may be hastened. God has no pleasure in sin, and does not delight in permitting Satan to go about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour, but He has a purpose to fulfill through His Church before He can make an end of sin and Satan. Brother, sister, you have a responsibility in all this. You, who are a part of the body of Jesus, owe it to Him to yield perfect obedience to the Divine purpose in restoring this fallen race to a place of deliverance. Every hindering element in the body of Christ, increases the sin, lengthens the days of Satan's reign, and hinders souls from getting to the cleansing blood. Every act of obedience, increases righteousness, shortens Satan's days and helps a soul to be saved. O that the whole body of Christ might be so perfectly united to Him that every impulse of that Heart of Love, every purpose of that Omniscient Mind would be quickly obeyed!

Beloved, did you ever stop to think that the heart is located in the body and not in the head? And

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also that the heart must be willing before the head is obeyed? Have you never found yourself reasoning with yourself, in order that your heart might be willing to obey your head?

Well, God has shed abroad His love in the heart of His body, the Church, so that she will be willing to obey the Head. Without love, the heart is rebellious, and will not obey, but if the love of Christ which passeth knowledge encompasses your heart and mind, there will be no trouble about obedience to the voice of the Beloved. Lack of love is the cause that lies behind the fact that there are heathen nations to-day, and thirty millions going over the falls of despair every year!

Lack of love! Ah yes, beloved, this is the secret of failure! Lack of the love of God being shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Ghost is the awful weapon that slays its thirty millions of souls a year, makes hell rejoice and angels weep.

Am I concerned? Are you interested? Ah, surely, not one of God's true children but what are interested in this cause so close to the heart of Jesus, the cause for which His coming waits.



CHAPTER XV.

A World-Field.

“**T**HE field is the World”—Matt. 13 : 38.

Praise God for a wide field! In the thought of God the field is always the whole world. But alas, in the thought of many of God's children the field is too often only “our Parish” or “our state, or county;” while others looking further, encompass their own country, but cannot see beyond the seas. Only a few have lifted up their eyes with an anointed vision that takes in a whole wide world.

God is always calling us to a higher plane, from whence we may see further out. He is trying to transform us into the image of His Son. He calls us into the heavenlies, and commands that we be imitators of Him (Eph. 5 : 1 R. V.) He wants to broaden our vision, our understanding and wisdom; He wants to draw us out of our narrowness and selfishness, into a broad place where we shall be filled with a knowledge of His will. (Col. 1 : 9.) Glory to God!

Praise God for a wide field! But some one will say, “I am called to give all my time and prayers and efforts for the special line of work I am engaged in, and in order to do this properly, I do not have

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time to think of, or pray and work in behalf of, the heathen." Well beloved, you might as well say the Lord has especially called you to neglect the unevangelized world; which would be a direct contradiction to the teaching of such Scriptures as, "Ye shall be my witnesses. . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth;" "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields" ("the field is the world;") "Go ye therefore and make disciples of ALL the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you;" "Go ye into ALL THE WORLD and preach the Gospel to EVERY CREATURE." This is a wide and glorious commission, a blessed privilege, an uncanceled command, and a binding duty of the whole church of Jesus Christ; and one which, had it been obeyed, would have left no part of all the world in the awful condition which we find in heathendom to-day.

Beloved, "you in your own corner and I in mine" is not the sentiment of the unselfish commission of Jesus. Your "corner" and mine is the whole world and nothing less. If your parish is less than that of John Wesley (viz. the world), you have fallen short of the plan of God, and you are not in the commission. John Wesley said his parish was the world, and praise God, he has true followers, who love the blessed doctrine of holiness he taught, in nearly every land under the sun. He was not confined to England and America, for he had a missionary heart which encompassed every tribe and nation, and so his "rivers of living water" are still flowing out and on into every corner of the world.

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Beloved, God has called YOU to a wonderful ministry, which you should ponder much, in Acts 1: 8. Some have stopped short at "Jerusalem," while others have reached out to "Judaea and Samaria," but O how few to "the uttermost part of the earth"! And yet that is the way it reads.

No doubt some of the apostles' spheres of service were narrowed geographically, but every one of them had a missionary heart, and, their influence was felt, and is felt to-day wherever the Gospel is being preached. So it is not so much the sphere of your ministry geographically, as it is the sphere of your missionary influence that you are going to be measured by, and give an account of, in the day of Jesus Christ. O how much some will have to answer for because of their unwillingness to propagate the missionary spirit! We know of men who have not allowed missionary sermons to be preached in their meetings, who have done their best to keep the people in ignorance of the conditions of heathendom. Yes, some of them are leaders in the so-called "holiness movements;" but their movement has never moved anything beyond the seas, nor much beyond their own county. O how short-sighted is such a ministry! Some profess to be followers of John Wesley, but repudiate his missionary spirit and that heart of love which caused him to take in the whole world as his parish. We believe John Wesley did not neglect any part of his parish, and while his ministry was circumscribed by narrow limits, yet such a heart as his must have been pleading, much and often, during those daily prayer hours, for the heathen, on every shore and behind every mountain—Glory to God!

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Then there are others who tell the returned missionary, "yes you may speak a few minutes to our people about your country, but you must not make any appeals for men or means, we need all our workers and all our money at home." O what a grief to the Holy Ghost is such popery! Denying to those under your charge the very privilege which Jesus came to save them for; hindering your sheep from obeying the last command and commission of Jesus, and trying to hold down the truth in unrighteousness, are some of the charges which shall appear against the hireling shepherds when Jesus comes!

Then others welcome the missionary gladly, but when they see that their people gladly come up to the help of the Lord for the regions beyond, grow jealous, and bring about certain measures to restrict his ministry and turn the tide in another direction, and thus succeed in some measure in curtailing the result which would please God, whose heart is longing to get the glad news of salvation to "every creature," that the coming of Jesus may be hastened. These people, either with intention, or ignorantly, ally themselves with the devil in his determination to stop the flow of the "rivers of living water" to the "regions beyond" and thus become the enemies of God's purpose and their own enemy, hindering their reward and retarding the coming of the Lord.

O, that men, and women could only see the truth of God that "he that watereth shall himself be watered," and that there is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and if we sow sparingly we shall also reap sparingly. In the Japanese version of Prov. 11 :

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24, last clause, the thought is that selfishness gives nothing and grows poor. So if we dare to withhold from the heathen, we do so to our own poverty. No man will grow rich spiritually by holding to himself what God has given him, for God intends that every man shall be a giver like He Himself. God gave His Son, Jesus gave His life, and the Holy Ghost gives gifts for us to minister to others. "Be ye therefore imitators of God, as beloved children," and learn that this life in Christ is a life to be poured out, a life of giving; and we shall do our receiving when Jesus comes with both hands full of rewards.

John Wesley said that all we need after we are sanctified is just MORE LOVE; and this is true, for if we get more love it will not be long before we are putting our arms around the lost souls of heathendom, in some way or another, and bringing them to the feet of Jesus.

"Thousands in the homelands have been feasting on fat things, each feasting on the great fulness that is in Christ, leaving that fulness undiminished; but have you looked at a map of the world? What right have we to monopolise God's gift of the Gospel, and let the multitudes starve?"

Those words, "have you looked at a map of the world?" started a train of thoughts.

What creatures of environment we are! How the things about our feet command our lives! How few seem to exert an influence beyond their immediate neighborhood! What a small proportion of professed holiness people ever make themselves felt for God's cause beyond their own town or county! And yet how contrary is this to the whole thought of God Who desires us to go into the uttermost parts

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of the world, into every nation; to every tribe, yea to every creature with the Gospel message!

When God scattered the disciples of the early church He made them a cosmopolitan people, they were not only pilgrims and strangers, but they could accommodate themselves to any climate, any people for the Gospel's sake. Paul was a thorough cosmopolitan. He had lifted up his eyes and looked upon the world lying in the evil one, and had determined in his soul to obey the commission of Jesus and "Go." And he was continually on the go, even in prison, until the day they cut off his head and sent him shouting to Glory.

I like Paul! He was such a world lover. Like his Father he knew something of the measure of that big word "so" in John 3:16. Wherever there was a lost, untaught soul, there Paul's love and desire reached; and nothing could satisfy his passion and zeal for souls but to see men and women at the feet of Jesus.

Of necessity, the Jew has become cosmopolitan, but it was not so in Paul's day. They were, of all people, the most clannish and selfish in their love. But Paul, when he got a look at Jesus and His great purpose to send him to the Gentiles, jumped clean out of his Jewish boots, and ran counter of all tradition, insomuch that he was everywhere in conflict with the old traditionalists. How hard it was for men like Peter to catch the inspiration of this thought and swing loose to move the whole world as Paul did.

There are many staid traditionalists to-day who are in their own way; men and women who have never lifted up their eyes and "looked at a map of the world," whose influence is only felt in a narrow

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sphere. To you God is calling, "come up higher." There is a better place of greater influence and brighter reward awaiting you, if you will only follow Jesus and Paul into all the world !

To study a map of the world is a very interesting digression for the child of God. It inspires love. We begin to really realize that there are other folks beside ourselves, who have hearts and feelings, love and hate, joys and trials like those about us. Then we begin to wonder if they know Jesus and His love and joy and comfort, and then we begin to sympathise with them, we begin to love them, we begin to desire that they too may know the joys of salvation, and we find ourselves quite interested in them. We begin to pray for them, and plead for them and then we begin to know the joy of being a real missionary, although we may never see them face to face. They have become just as much to us as our own folks are, and just as much to us as they are to Jesus ; and our prayers, our means and our influence are exerted in their behalf. O what a blessed awakening ! Somehow we begin to feel as though we were more in touch with the great loving heart of our Lord now that we too "so" love the lost world.

Beloved, isn't this just what Jesus wants ? Isn't this just what He meant when He gave the command to "go ye" ? Surely it is, and surely the world would soon be evangelized if every child of God could witness to such an experience.

"LIFT UP YOUR EYES AND LOOK."

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CHAPTER XVI.

“A Greater than Solomon is Here” !

THE fame of the power and wisdom of Solomon reached to the ends of the earth, and “all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, that God had put in his heart.” The magnificence of his kingdom, his judgment and justice, the sitting of his servants, the attendance of his ministers, his cupbearers, his wealth, his chariots and horsemen, the cheapness of gold and silver and all his pomp and glory were such a witness to his Divine favor, that the message of Solomon’s nobility and grandeur and fame went from mouth to mouth, from city to city and from nation to nation ; and in a short time the whole world knew of him and sought his wisdom that God had given him—“and behold a greater than Solomon is here ; ” unknown to millions of earth, although we “ beheld His glory ” more than 1800 years ago.

It did not take twenty years for the knowledge of the glory of Solomon to travel throughout the then known world, and there were no telegraphs or railways either. Camels and horses and sailing ships were the only means of transportation, and the message had to go from tongue to tongue instead of being flashed like lightning over the wires and cables as of

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to-day. How then was such a thing accomplished in so short a time? It was simply because of the intensity with which this great news took hold of all who heard and saw. It was such an unheard of glory, such an awe-inspiring, wonder-creating magnificence that people could not help but talk about it, and tell everybody they met, and every one who heard caught the infection and spread the news, and the whole earth wondered at the wisdom of Solomon—“and behold a greater than Solomon is here,” unheralded to nearly two thirds of the human race, after an interval of 1800 years. Surely the people of Solomon’s day shall rise up in judgment against the people of to-day and condemn them for their lack of zeal, ardency and fervor!

In Solomon’s day, nothing could stop the wonderful news; every camel driver was talking about it, and every king was wondering and inquiring, and waiting for the latest news from Solomon’s court. Every traveller was held up and questioned, whether in the desert or city, and if one came from Judaea, he was the hero of the hour until he told all he knew of the grandeur of Solomon’s administration. Such an intense interest took hold of people that they travelled for weeks and months to visit Jerusalem and see for themselves, not believing that such thrilling news could be true; and they had to confess that it was beyond all they had heard of or thought, that the half had not been told “of the greatness of thy wisdom”—“and behold a greater than Solomon is here;” and of the 800,000,000 of Asia, (the scene of these events) only a tenth, perhaps, have ever heard the Name that is greater than Solomon’s. Surely the “queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment

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with this generation, and shall condemn it" for its indifference, apathy, negligence and criminal disregard of these perishing souls who ought to hear from them the glad news of salvation through the blood atonement of Jesus Christ, that One so much greater than Solomon in all his glory.

This generation is under condemnation—I am not speaking of the world, but of the church—awful condemnation for the neglect of heathendom, when there is absolutely no excuse whatever! I defy any man to rise up and present one reasonable excuse why this generation of unbelievers could not be evangelized by its generation of believers! God have mercy upon the guilty ones, and awaken them from their sleep of death before it is eternally too late!

It is said that the salt used in the porridge, the blacking of the boots, of the professed Christians of America amount to more than is given for the evangelization of a lost world! Will not these things written upon the skies in the day of judgment strike awful terror to every indifferent one! You may escape them now, you may shut your eyes and say you do not see, you may close your ears and say you do not hear the Macedonian cries from heathendom, but, there is coming a day when you shall see and hear, as the millions who might have been saved, had you been true, rise up in the judgment to condemn you for your lack of interest, lack of prayer, lack of gifts, in with-holding from them the message that would have brought them life from the dead.

But some will perhaps say "they would never have listened or been saved anyway." But that

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excuses no one from obeying the last command and commission of Jesus Christ. And on the other hand it is a lie of Satan, for it has been proved without a doubt, that there are hungry, waiting souls in every corner of heathendom, who when they hear, gladly receive Jesus as their Savior. And who shall dare to say there are not other hungry souls among those millions who have never yet been reached?

It has been true in all ages that where the Gospel has been preached it has been the power of God unto salvation to believing hearts; and where it has not gone, there is death, idolatry, superstition and every abomination of heathen worship. It is true in every land, whether in France or in Africa, that men who are without Christ will worship devils; and the church with her knowledge of these things stands condemned before the bar of humaneness, as well as the bar of God, for her long neglect.

Pentecost brought a revival of worldwide evangelism, because it restored that intense, burning zeal which said, "For we cannot but speak the things we have seen and heard." We must obey God rather than man; a greater than Solomon is here and the grandeur of His glorious salvation MUST be told! And when we get our Pentecost according to Acts 1:8 we will get that kind which Peter and John could not hold down; the kind that runs away with us and compels us to witness to every creature. The kind which charges us with such a current of Divine love for lost souls, that with a tongue of fire, the story is told from one to another, from town to city and from nation to nation until "every creature" gets the glad news. That is the way it worked in the days of

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Pentecost, as witness Paul's statement in Col. 1 : 23, about 30 years after Pentecost, when he, on the pinnacle of the greatest era of the Church, shouts out down the ages, "THE GOSPEL.....WHICH WAS PREACHED TO EVERY CREATURE UNDER HEAVEN."

O what a stinging rebuke to the church of to-day as these words come thundering down the corridor of 1800 years!

The Church of Pentecostal times learned a lesson from the queen of Sheba, and alone stands uncondemned, because she faithfully fulfilled the last commission of Jesus, which is so faithlessly neglected to-day. What right, let me ask, have we to claim the Pentecostal blessing of a second work of grace, if it does not do for us what it did for the apostles and disciples of the early church?

Let us face these questions with fear and trembling before God ; let us solve the mystery of our failures with tears ; let us read the miserable history of defeat with sorrow, and repentance ; and then ask God to give us one good look at Him who is a greater than Solomon ; one look that shall forever settle our destiny as regards this question of missions ; one look that shall lift the reproach of indifference and criminal neglect, and send us forth with iron-shod feet, a tongue of fire and consuming zeal that will startle every soul we meet and make him a witness also.

O God send thy consuming fire and burn up the "stubble" of indifference, the "hay" of neglect and the "wood" of disregard with which all men seem to be building to-day, while the open doors of heathendom invite them to a field white unto harvest, and

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the path thereto lit up with the light of obedience to the commission of Jesus, and His "Lo I am with thee alway" written over every step of the way! Amen!



CHAPTER XVII.

A Conversation.

PREACHER: "Surely you do not mean to say that the heathen who never had a chance to hear the Gospel are going to be lost?"

Missionary: "Yes brother, I believe that the Bible teaches that there is absolutely no hope of salvation for any one either at home or abroad without a knowledge of, and faith in, the atonement of Jesus Christ."

P. "But you do not mean to say that God is so unjust as to condemn wholesale, millions of unevangelized heathen, simply because they have never heard the name of Jesus?"

M. "God is never unjust, but He is just as well as loving. He has, in His love, provided a salvation for all men, and in His wisdom ordained for the propagation of the knowledge of that salvation, through those who partake of it. You may question His wisdom in doing this and ask why He did not ordain angels to do it, but it does not change the fact that the command to evangelize the heathen was given to men and not to angels. Therefore men and not angels, are responsible for the fulfillment of the commission, and consequently responsible for the fact that there are millions who know nothing of

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Jesus to-day. God does not condemn men because they have never heard of Jesus, but they are already under condemnation because they are born in sin and go on *wilfully* sinning against their conscience every day of their lives. But I have no doubt God does condemn those of His children who neglect the command to go and preach the Gospel to every creature, and I hope you do not belong to that class."

P. "To my mind it is a wrong idea entirely of the justice of God to think that He would send into eternal punishment thousands of millions of untaught heathen who have lived on the earth since the days of Adam. I cannot believe it...it is a horrible thought."

M. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The wicked shall be turned into hell, and the nations that forget God. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. No unclean thing shall enter therein. The fearful and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and IDOLATORS and all liars, their part shall be in the lake of fire." The heathen are idolators, almost to a man. They are all liars, even from childhood. They are fornicators, and just the same kind of sinners as you meet every day here in the homeland--sinning against their conscience which God has given them for their knowledge of right and wrong, and which condemns them until by long rebellion it is seared as by a hot iron.

One of our holiness journals lately gave expression on this subject, in the following words:

"Who is so base-hearted as to believe that God Almighty is damning millions of heathen without giving them any chance of escape from their moral

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contamination? Where would the display of virtue be shown or mercy extended from Sovereign to subject if all heathen were lost?

Would it not be creation and damnation *per se*?"

This is a strong, if not rash, denunciation of all who take the attitude that the heathen are lost; and must include under the opprobrium of "base-hearted," many dear saints. Let us examine it carefully.

The intimation here is that some heathen are saved without a knowledge of Jesus, in order that there may be a display of virtue from Sovereign to subject. But we have always understood that the display of virtue was in providing a Saviour (primarily) and then secondarily toward those who accepted that Saviour; but wrath upon those who believed not (Jno. 3 : 36) and vengeance to them that know not God (2 Thess. 1 : 8). The question will naturally arise, why vengeance upon ignorant ones? And I think we have the answer in the fact that all men (even the darkest heathen) have a conscience that light their actions until it is seared as by a hot iron. Be this as it may God's Word clearly teaches that man is born in sin and goes astray even from his mother's womb, and we believe a great doctrinal principle is violated by holding such tenets as that some heathen may be saved without a knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. "How shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"

Again, the allegation is that God Almighty is damning millions of heathen unjustly, if so be that the heathen are all lost. We would hardly dare to agree with our brother here; first, because we are

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sure God is loving and just, and also because we believe God's Word, which tells us of the wholesale condemnation of sinners. We still believe that "neither fornicators, nor IDOLATORS, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with men, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." And such we have found the heathen to be—"ALL have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

Then as to whether it would be "creation and damnation *per se*," does our brother really hold God responsible for creating a lost sinful race? Has he taken away man's free will, and charged God with the fall of man? Surely he did not stop to think what he was writing, or else he must be a universalist *per se*. At any rate he would not be considered a missionary spirit, and perhaps he has never realized his personal responsibility for some heathen souls. This may not be his own fault exactly, but because of his teaching and environment. We are inclined to be charitable to such because we were once dead to these things ourselves. But as we see it now, we firmly believe that millions of heathen are being lost because of a selfish, indifferent, apathetic church, which is neglecting, knowingly, the last command and commission of her Lord and Master.

P. "But how can they break a law of which they have no knowledge. Does not the Bible teach that men are not responsible for keeping God's laws when they are ignorant of them?"

M. "God's Word teaches that "as many as have sinned without law, shall also PERISH without law," and that when the Gentiles (heathen) which have no law do by nature the things of the law, these, having

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no law, are a law unto themselves ; in that they show the work of the law written in their heart, their conscience bearing witness therewith, and their thoughts one with another accusing or else excusing them. So we see by this that the Gentiles have a conscience that accuses or else excuses them when they do a deed, think a thought or speak a word. But all have sinned, and their conscience has accused them, and they stand condemned, so that they are all under sin and lie in the evil one. I dare say that no missionary has ever met a heathen soul whose conscience excused him, and who could truthfully say he had never sinned in word, thought or deed. The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked and man by nature is only hell-deserving. I believe, however, that there are degrees of punishment in hell, and that the sinner who has the Gospel light and rejects it, will receive more stripes than he who had only his conscience for his guidance."

P. "But how is it that Dr. G.— and Bishop T.— and other great holiness preachers teach that the heathen will be saved, surely they have studied the subject and know whereof they speak, and I am not ready to believe all I hear to the contrary from any little upstart?"

M. "I would not question the sincerity of any true holiness preacher, and perhaps these beloved men of God have given this matter much thought and that their conclusions are reached after much study, but there are many differences of opinion upon other subjects even among truly consecrated men of God, as for instance the pre-millennial coming of our Lord, healing and the eradication of carnality. You and I believe and preach eradication, and stand

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opposed to suppression, but many Doctors and Bishops disagree with us. You and I believe in healing and preach the pre-millennial coming of Jesus, but many, good and holy men will have nothing to do with either subject, and call us star-gazers, etc., so to me it proves nothing that certain folks teach certain things unless I find them confirmed by the Word of God and testimony. You and I have a Bible and the Holy Ghost to teach us, so we are not dependent upon any priest to make interpretations for us. Now I do not mean by this that we have no need of teachers, for God has ordained teachers as well as preachers, but I do mean that we can assure ourselves by *personal* study of God's Word that all things we are taught are truth. So, to the law and to the testimony."

P. "What scriptures do you consider best uphold your views?"

M. "There are many, and I have quoted some, but I believe those words of Paul found in Rom. 10; 12 15 are the most convincing. Let us read them. "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek (heathen): for the same Lord over all is rich unto ALL THAT CALL UPON HIM. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in Whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? as it is written How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things."

Let us notice that God is asking these questions,

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and if any man has an answer let him instruct God. Is there any hope in all God's Word for a person who does not "call upon" the name of Jesus? How can the heathen call on Him of whom they have never heard? Again let us notice that the questions place the responsibility where it belongs, i.e. upon you and I to "send a preacher," and have "beautiful feet."

Come on now, beloved, what is your answer to these straight questions of God?"

P. "What would you advise me to do?"

M. "I would advise you going down before the Lord and asking Him to search your heart with this question, What is my personal responsibility concerning the unevangelized heathen? Get the Lord's thought, and walk in the light regardless of men and devils."



CHAPTER XVIII.

A Finishing Work.

THE days are weighty with momentous happenings ; the air seems darkened with portending events ; the world is daily startled and horrified, or rather it is becoming accustomed to, startling and horrifying occurrences. There are upheavals in nature, in society, among the nations, and in ecclesiastical circles to-day which have scarcely been equalled in all history. This is a day of trials, of testings, of siftings, a day of judgment for God's children. God is beginning to do a quick work in the earth, and woe unto the unstable and wavering ones who do not cast away their doubts and fears and launch out upon the broad bosom of full salvation ! Many will be brought to themselves and learn righteousness only through the judgment fires which are in the earth to-day.

As one looks out upon the swiftly changing scenes of this latter day, he is indeed vividly impressed that God is working a work in all the earth that foreshadows coming events with a vengeance. We are wise if we see the hand of God, we are forewarned, we are forearmed, we are equipped to fit in with the Divine purpose. So beloved, let us keep on our faces before Him, let our ear be swift to catch the voice in the thunders of travail, or in the winds of trial, or

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in the earthquakes of affliction, or in the still small voice whispering in our innermost soul. Let us be awake and watching, alive to God's expectations for us. Let us beware of Satan's "angel of light" methods, and of his sluggish doses which would paralyze our efforts to obey all the will of God; let us be careful that he does not blind our eyes so that we are unable to see God's plan for us, and keep us groping about in the dark. How sad it is to see so many of God's children blinded by Satan so they cannot lift up their eyes to look out upon the whitened fields of heathendom. He blinds many with multiplied labors at their own feet, he keeps many so busy with their own selfish interests, that they are never constrained to think of the unnumbered millions who have never heard of Jesus. O how God's heart must often be grieved by the stupidity and torpor of many of His children! Beloved, let us be among those who have entered into the Divine plan and purpose of the ages, let us get a look at things from God's standpoint in our closets on our knees, which will lift us once and forever out of our narrow boundaries into a wide place of usefulness, reaching out our arms to a whole world of lost sinners. Let us get such a flood-tide of glory in our souls that our rivers will indeed reach out to the "uttermost parts" of God's plan, and bring life to those whom Jesus has redeemed through His own precious blood. O for a host of stalwart giants whose vision is unhindered by man-made boundaries, whose faith leaps over every human obstacle of race prejudice or what not, and strides with a conqueror's tread to the ends of the earth in search of lost souls! Men whom God delights in; man whom God can trust

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in any kind of a battle ; men whom God can depend upon at any moment of the day for any service, be it great or small ; men who will not flinch at any earthly foe, but will go all the way with God ! God is looking for a man to-day ! O beloved let us be that man ! Human courage, natural force is as impotent as the spray beating against the rocks of time, but there is a courage, there is a power, in Christ, which is not "might" nor "strength," but is mighty through God to the pulling down of the strongholds of Satan and lying low everything that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. Beloved that is what the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire does for us. When we get the Holy Ghost we move out of commonplace things and get a grip on eternal things, and bring disaster to the devil's kingdom at home and abroad. The Holy Ghost is not that weak thing many are professing to have, and bring dishonor to God's cause by their profession. He is ever a burning fire, a flaming tongue, whether to the ignorant or to the learned. He is the same Holy Ghost who descended on the day of Pentecost, and who startled the whole world in the days of the early church, and He would do the same to-day if there were no limitations put upon Him. Beloved, let us move out of our old tracks, let us gird our loins, let us awake to righteousness, let us stir ourselves until we shall move forward in the purpose of God like an awakened giant, knowing no defeats, disdaining every opposing force of hell, confident IN CHRIST who never lost a battle—Glory to God !

But we started out to call attention more especially to the fact that God is working a work of judgment among His chosen ones to-day, that is sifting out the

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staying qualities. Peter said "the time is come for judgment to begin at the house of God," and Paul said "the Lord will execute His word upon the earth finishing it and cutting it short in righteousness," and we find that to-day there is such execution of His Word in judgment upon His children that many are falling away, in order that a "Gideon Band" may be found to meet the battles of these latter days. And how important it is for every one of us to fear lest we be counted among those "fearful and afraid" ones, and fall short of God's requirements. He has a standard of measurement, a degree of sifting, a trial testing which will separate the true bride from those who lack the qualifications. Surely there is no need to remind the holiness people as to what those qualifications are. You all know how carnality makes us "fearful and afraid," and if there is any trace of that old nature in us it will not pass muster. But more than this beloved, you will remember that there were still 10,000 after the "fearful and afraid" ones had gone back, and still there was another test that reduced the number down to 300. What can this mean in type, but a testing of those 10,000 sanctified ones, in order that God may separate 300 chosen, tried ones from among them for some special purpose? Is it not true to-day that among the ten thousand sanctified there are some especially tested ones who have proved true in a severe trial, whom God has had special dealings with, stalwart souls whom He can trust anywhere? Is it not true that among the ten thousand there are giants who have learned to "rejoice in tribulation," whose daily bread, is warfare and victory, whose strides no walls can stop, whose onward march puts the enemy to confusion? Is it not true

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that among the ten thousand there are three hundred peculiarly fitted saints upon whom God can rely in the fires of judgment? Consider beloved, and let there be no shrinking from the testings and trials and fiery furnaces of these latter day judgments, if we would be found without blemish or wrinkle or any such thing.

We speak and sing of the terrors of the judgment to those who KNOW not God, but forget the terrors of the judgment to those who OBEY not, and, that judgment must begin at the house of God. Let us measure ourselves in the light of the fact that He is coming with judgments as well as rewards, and with "Depart from me," as well as "Come ye blessed," and that our reward is only won by obedience to God. How can He say "well done good and faithful servant" if there has been an unfaithful service in disobeying God's call to go? How can we expect His words of approval if we have just given a few dollars that could be easily spared and not missed, while we have lived in luxury and ease, little caring that every breath we drew a soul passed out into "outer darkness" where there is "wailing and gnashing of teeth" throughout all eternity? How can we expect His smile if we have neglected to plead for the lost of heathendom in our closets, and groaned and wept for souls until we knew the victory had come? How can we help but be ashamed before Him at His coming if there has been negligence along these lines?

Beloved, let us measure ourselves in the light of what His coming is going to reveal in our own personal service. Have we been zealous to obey God's Word concerning "every creature?" Have

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we been anxious to go and pray? Have we given ourselves in a whole-hearted consecration to God for the "regions beyond," as well as at home? Have we obeyed God's command to "lift up our eyes and look on the fields?" Have we been fervent (red-hot) in spirit in our closets? Have we lifted up our voices against the indifference and inertia of the holiness people to get the Gospel to the ends of the earth? Have we stayed long enough on our knees to hear from God concerning these things, or have we been afraid of the voice of God, and hurried from our closets lest He should tell us something we dreaded to hear? Have you been intimidated from preaching that missionary sermon because you feared lest the people might forget your own personal needs, and give all their money for missions instead of to you? If so, such money must curse rather than bless, for it is blood money, won at the cost of perishing souls. Has the devil been shaking the empty bread-basket in your face, and telling you if you preach on missions, your wife and children will starve? Well, they would starve in a good cause and be crowned in glory. Some have starved on the mission field, but we have yet to hear of any one starving because they gave all to support the missionary. Never fear, beloved, God will not let such people starve, He needs them too badly. When they give all the tithes He pours out stores of blessing so they can give more.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren" by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice" to come, to pray, or to give, so that you may have confidence and boldness in the day of His coming, and not be ashamed before Him; but,

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knowing that you have done what you could, there is no cause for regret, no condemnation, no finger of reproach from any unsaved heathen of any nation. Let us so measure up that our lives will be a continual reproach to those who are asleep on this question of evangelizing a lost world. Let us so serve Him in fervency of spirit that our zeal will enkindle other hearts, and the missionary spirit spread like the fire of Samson's foxes, and burn up the selfish indulgences which hinder the children of God from getting the "glad tidings of great joy" published in every nation and to "every creature." Amen!



CHAPTER XVII.

Keep Stirred Up!

“**S**TIR into flame the gift of God which is in thee.” (2 Tim. 1 : 6.)

Beloved, does the fire burn low in the ashes of yesterday's experience? If so you need stirring, for you cannot live on ashes. You may go quite a while on your last camp-meeting fire, but soon, there is bound to be ashes. Now let us see what God wants us to do with the ashes. Turn to Lev. 6 and read from verse 9: “Command Aaron and his sons, saying, this is the law of the burnt offering. It is the burnt offering, because of the burning upon the altar all night unto the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be burning in it. And the priest shall put on his linen garment and his linen breeches shall he put upon his flesh, and take up the ashes which the fire hath consumed with the burnt offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar. And he shall put off his garments, and put on other garments, and carry forth the ashes without the camp unto a clean place. And the fire upon the altar shall be burning in it; it shall not be put out and the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order upon it; and he shall burn thereon the fat of the

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peace offerings. **THE FIRE SHALL EVER BE BURNING UPON THE ALTAR ; IT SHALL NEVER GO OUT.**" We see then that God wants fire and not ashes, and that He wants it rekindled every morning. The ashes will be carefully taken care of in a " clean place ; " it is the evidence that there has been a fire in the past, and God will see to it, but our responsibility now is to keep the fire burning in a bright flame upon the altar. The past is in God's hands, our responsibility is for the present. Ashes represent what is past, but will do us no good if we let the fire go out while we contemplate the beautiful ashes of our past service, and mould them into an idol. Did you ever hear a forty-year-old testimony dragged out of the ashes and set up on a pedestal to serve as an excuse for present day experiences? Well there was no fire in it was there? Of course not, it was never taken out " without the camp unto a clean place " and left there ; or in other words, that person, unlike Paul, could not say " forgetting the things which are behind. . . I press on." O beloved, let us get rid of ashes, let us forget the things that are past, and get the gift that is in us stirred into a flame that shall roar and crackle, and burn up the standing corn of the Philistines. Glory !

You know if the fireman stops shovelling coal into the fire box, the fire burns low, and finally there is nothing but ashes, and the train has come to a stop. So with us beloved, we must " lay on the wood in order," and keep a fire burning, or we will stop going for God.

Missionary zeal is a fire that needs much fuel. O how often there is nothing but ashes for the poor heathen ! The fires are burned out in zealous service

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in the home church, but when the missionary meeting comes—nothing but ashes. God wants men and women with a fiery zeal that will burn its way across the seas and touch the great heathen centres in such a way that things will be brought to pass in the regions beyond. He wants men and women with a hot, burning influence that is felt all around the world, and that puts such a go into us as the apostles received on the day of Pentecost, which caused them to reach out into all corners of the then known world and bring the news of salvation to all creation.

The fuel is God's Word, prayer, good books, tracts, sermons, anything that will feed our souls and acquaint us with the needs of the uttermost parts. God is not pleased to see us ignorant of His plan and purpose concerning the evangelization of a lost world, and while the Bible is the most wonderful of all missionary books, and there are no missionary chapters so intensely interesting as the Acts of the Apostles, nevertheless there are many other good books which will feed the flame of missionary zeal and acquaint us with the present-day conditions of the various fields so that we can pray and give and go more intelligently. Surely we owe it to the heathen and to God and to ourselves to search the Scriptures, read good books, attend missionary meetings, and in every way we can, stir up the fire in our own souls and the souls of others. Not just for a day, not by intermittent effort, but by a constant, determined, steadfast, unmovable zeal, born of God, kept glowing and burning brightly by constant daily attendance upon the altar. Every morning fresh fuel—"The fire shall

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ever be burning upon the altar ; IT SHALL NEVER
GO OUT." Amen!



APPENDIX A—Page 38.

Since this was written, the Oriental Missionary Society has completed the work of visiting every one of the nearly ten million (10,000,000) individual homes in Japan and giving the printed gospel to the inmates; and at this writing is undertaking some similar work in Korea. Write us for particulars.

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The Holiness Work is now over ten years older than when this chapter was written, and it is with thanksgiving and praise to God that we can now (1922) record the fact that there are about one hundred (100) holiness churches in Japan, occupying nearly every province.

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WHERE DOES IT WORK AND WHERE ARE ITS HEADQUARTERS?

Its field is the Orient ; Japan, Korea and China, the universally acknowledged ripest fields of the present day. Their combined populations are over 500,000,000 souls, as yet almost untouched with the Gospel. Our Headquarters are on the field in Tokyo, Japan.

WHAT KIND OF WORK DO THEY DO?

We specialize in Evangelism, we are, " All at it, and always at it." We preach the Gospel, the Whole Gospel, and Nothing but the Gospel. We believe in a Bible-equipped, Holy Spirit-filled, native ministry, under foreign supervision where necessary. For the training of native preachers we have two Bible Institutes, one in Tokyo, Japan and one in Seoul, Korea from which we have graduated hundreds of successful Japanese, Korean and Chinese preachers.

WHAT OTHER PERMANENT WORK DO THEY HAVE?

We have about 100 regular churches, with about 50 out-stations. 12542 souls sought salvation at our altars during 1921. We have a red-hot publishing department which is scattering millions of pages of full-gospel literature every year in three languages.

HOW IS THE WORK SUPPORTED?

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OUR ANNUAL BUDGET IS ABOUT \$100,000.

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